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Some stray thoughts, the 'Gatherer' of this book may share with:

my dear readers and casual 'page-turners',

I am deeply apologetic to the authors of the source materials, whom I could not acknowledge .

The 'Gathering' was made since over five decades i.e. from start of my College days after my migration from bare-foot Ramnagar (Contai) and Gosaba (The Sundarbans) years.

I am in the habit of carrying a Note Book and a pen in the book pocket of my shirt. All note books have two sides. Mine too, front and rear. Normally, I jot down all that are relevant to my professional work from the front side onwards and the rear side I reserve for all 'collectables' and **'gatherings'** and my thoughts and poems I write or translate ,time to time. I have preserved these note books, though not so systematically.

The present volume is result of a sort of "rip-off"through that 'rear window'.

I believe, there are three types of persons in intellectual activities. *Type One*: has a long, elephant's memory, capable of holding everything in the brain in a systematic fashion, including dates and all. The *Type Two*: is highly organized in work-habits with papers, c.d.'s, tablets and what not. They have different 'pockets' for different things. Need arising, they find things easily. Then, there is *Type Three*: the clumsy one,- with the shortest memory, combined with total lack of system. Unfortunately, I fall in this category, making my life difficult, - saddled as I am with diverse work -loads !

Ladies and gentlemen, Please do not take offence; for the final selection from my **'gatherings'**, may contain many harsh, unpleasant, tasteless, judgmental and offensive quotes.

The '**gatherer** 'does not mean them, but does not disown them too. Please trust me, I am in love with both 'yes' and 'no' simultaneously.

Naturally, therefore, the final selections are bound to contain quotes, which are profound and whimsical, sciences and arts, this world and the alternative world, this life and after life, philosophy and theosophy, thesis and anti-thesis, furious and hilarious, punch lines and hunch lines, sweets and bitters, information and disinformation, out right silly and ordinary, repetitive and dreary, obvious and far-fetched, etc. etc.

This book may be used as a reference for quotations, sayings, information on diverse subjects from all over the world.

The author-**gatherer** will think, it has been a worth-while marathon effort, if the end-result is found useful or interesting or informative to the target readers/ pursuers.

I deliberately refrain from naming all those of my beloved well-wishers who have been helpful some way or other , while I was putting through this compilation, which I call as a **'gathering'** only and I confess, I did not have to be a 'hunter', as they were in my pocket!

An Annexure is added, listing names of some of the original thinkers, from whose writings, 'quotes' have been 'gathered'.

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I don't want to achieve **immortality** through my work. I want to achieve it through not dying. —Woody Allen

Life without **growth** meant a withering and finally a dying out.

Faith is something personal and has little in common with reason. —Bhagat Singh

If you take away everything in the **world** that had to be **invented**, there would be nothing left except a lot of people getting ruined on.

All **human** beings are born **free** and **equal** in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should work towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.
—Art. 1 Univ. Declar. Of Human Rights

In general, **modern man** has no solution.

Dare the **dream** and begin it. **Boldness** has Genius and Magic to it.

Life often does end on a fade-out; no denouement, no climax.

To have a **vision** is not sufficient. Your vision must be combined with venture. It is never enough to dream. The **dream** must be **acted upon**.

If **atheism** is a religion, then baldness is a hair colour.

Vision is the art of seeing the invisible.

The opposite of **love** is not hate; the opposite of love is **indifference**. —Elie Wiesel (a Holocaust Survivor)

The moment you cannot come up with innovative **ideas**, is when you need to worry.

Smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight.
—Phyllis Diller

Life of **man** is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.
—Thomas Hobbes

Human **demand** on **Natural Resources** has doubled in the last 50 years. To support current life style for all, the number of earths required by 2030 is 275.

Tradition of all the dead generations weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living. —Karl Marx

Courage is like love; it must have hope for nourishment.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

History is the version of past events, people have decided to agree upon
—Napoleon Bonaparte

Infinite been the sorrows and the tears/ of **old folk**, and folk of tender years.

I have not **failed**; I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
—Thomas Alva Edison

I will never **write** a tell-all memorial; only fools burn bridges. —Aveek Sarkar

Men are world champions in making **mistakes**; but they are really good at correcting them too ultimately.

Technology is fast progressing in the direction of full unemployment.

The best **management** technique is to forego micro-management and give talented people the room they need to succeed.

Humour is the last strategy of resistance left for failed idealists. —Milan Kundera

All you need is **love**,—in parenting, in teaching, in loving.

I live in a **world** of others' words. —Mikhail Bakhtin

The **world** lives, as it were, on the boundary between its own context and another alien context.

The **wicked** are estranged from the womb.

No worse **fate** can befall a **man** or **woman** than becoming prematurely entrenched in prudence and **negation**
—Knut Hanson

True **humour** is inconceivable without an infinite good mood. —G W F Hegel

When the Yogi is firmly established in **truthfulness**, he attains the fruit of action without acting.

Model-mongering is no **economics**.

In **communist** Laos **opium** is the opium of the people.

If it is harmful to give **a worker** less than he deserves, it is also harmful to give him what he does not deserve.

India does not shine for its teeming **villages**.

Democracy for many is too important to be left only in the hands of Parliament.

It is not the **consumers'** job to know what they want.
—Steve Jobs

I am a **journalist** because I believe in enlightening the unenlightened.

Benevolence comes before dissoluteness (*Liederlichkeit*).

Combination of **intellectual** verve and combative good **humour** is an extraordinary human achievement.

The most incomprehensible fact about **Nature** is that it is comprehensible.
—Albert Einstein

I am not here to deliver a **speech** but to demand one.
—Gabriel Garcia Marquez

There are over 10,000 **nuclear weapons** in the world now (2014), enough to destroy the world 10 times over.

No thinking man can **marry**.

When **Ratan Tata** looks at the **women**, he thinks, what he did not do (**marrying**) was not such a bad thing.

Those, who will **venture** (take risks) early, will harvest.
—Raghuram Rajan

I am **Raghuram Rajan**; I do what I do. (Oct. 1, 2015)

The **leadership** is right so far; but the agenda is yet to be set. —Pablo Lugari

The only desert is the desert of **imagination**.

What part of you, being a **man**, has to do with, what you have achieved?

Women and not men are the best at **multi-tasking**.

Striving for the **best** is very different from striving to be the best.

The moment man stops **reasoning**, magic starts.
—P C Sorcar

Can a **woman** be called virtuous, if she has never had the chance to be wicked?

Hunger is not price-sensitive.

Turning points of **history** often pivot on chance.

If you are not busy **living**, then you are busy dying.
—Bob Dylan

So long as there is a morsel to be divided in India, neither a priest nor a **beggar,** starves.
—Rudyard Kipling

The average **life** of a species on Earth is four million years.

Life is here on Earth since last 3.8 billion years.

The age of this **Universe** is 13.7 billion years. (Since the Big Bang)

Happiness is the result of being too busy to be miserable.

There is absolutely no **experience** that matches the real **world**.

Sons are put on this Earth to trouble their **fathers**.

Life may be costlier than a **peg** after midnight.

Global **corruption** is a matter for philosophers.

God is a name people give to the **reason** we are here.

Cuban **Revolution** is a failure; 'Cuban Model' does not work anymore. —Fidel Castro

Americans might someday turn **communist** and USSR **capitalist**, since both have witnessed the evils of their own systems. —John D Rockefeller

There is no stopping an **idea** whose time has come.

The **poor** may be viewed as **consumers** and entrepreneurs and not as victims.

The caterpillar does all the **work**, but the butterfly gets all the **publicity**.

It is worse to be **nervous** than wrong.

Nothing is, but what is not? —Shakespeare

Money often costs too much. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every **American** spends more than he earns.

In **America**, mass consumption outstrips GDP growth rate.

Small **town** is a place, where there is no place to go to, where you should not.

Money plus **power** was the ultimate aphrodisiac.

If you don't like the **news**, go out and make one.

When I **work** on something **new**, it stretches me to the limit and I undergo a metamorphosis. —Dhuan Desai

Render unto **Caesar**, what belongs to Caesar.

There was a **door** to which I found no key/ There was a veil beyond which I could not see/ Take a while of thee and me, there was/ Then no more of thee or me. —Omar Khayyam

The **fight** is worth the **risk**; because only a fighter survives till the end.

Internal electric system in the **heart** automatically synchronizes the four chambers of the heart into a precisely timed dance that squeezes muscle and pushes blood into lungs and various parts of the body at more than once a second i.e. about two and half billion times in a life time.

I **succeed** because I know I can fail anytime.
—Shah Rukh Khan

We could make even a **failed** story beautiful.
—Shah Rukh Khan

Any sufficiently **advanced technology** is indistinguishable from magic. —Arthur C Clarke

Spread of life from **stellar** to stellar systems and planets to planets is through Paraspernia i.e. through **meteors**.

If man made **machines** could ever surpass human intelligence a little bit, there will be no need for further human invention. —Vernon Ving (Physicist)

To stay is to be nowhere.

I want an alibi for my existence— my **life**.

I want to be a **mother**, not a wife.

It is a fundamental **human** activity to **lie** more than to tell the **truth**.

When one **door** closes, other door opens; but we so often look so long and regretfully upon closed door that we do not see the ones opening for us.

Steve Jobs saw **technology** not as a form of office automation but as something that empowered the individual user.

Apples' ideal **consumer** was always an intelligent lay **person**, not the specialized nerd.

Don't be **weak**, don't steal, and don't lie.
—(Andean philosophy of pursuit of happiness.)

The tiny **humming bird** can cover 385 body lengths per second, as compared to the jet, which manages just 40.

Guerilla warfare succeeds only if the cause is just and the leader is fearless and selfless.

Capital is dead labour, which, vampire like, lives by sucking living labour.
—Karl Marx

The new **Strontium Clock** is so **accurate** that it does not lose or gain a second in 5 billion years.

That which does **not kill** us makes us **stronger**.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

Existence precedes essence.
—Jean Paul Sartre

All **men** are created equal.
—Thomas Jefferson

Knowledge is essentially human project to produce **order from chaos**.
—Fred. Nietzsche

Machine Tools Industry is the engine that pulls rest of the **industry** forward; it is a driver industry and is the fountain of growth of manufacturing industry.

She is excitable, vengeful, unforgiving, selfish, stingy, avaricious, coarse, vulgar, profane, obscene, furious and blusterer on the outside and a coward inside.
—Mark Twain on his landlady at Florence

The trade of **critic** in literature, music and the drama is the most degraded of all trades. However, it is the will of God that we must have critics, missionaries and humorists, and we must bear the burden.

—Mark Twain

Noise is defined as sound undesired by the recipient.

Technical potential of **wind power** is 10 times the total current global production of energy.

The **Bengali** is just blind to ugliness. He has only, as Satyajit Ray once said, to open his eyes.

—Amit Chaudhuri

Living on other people's **quarrel** is not worthwhile.
(Lawyers)

We are all waiting for **someone** else **to do something**.

Invention is a choice, which is imperatively governed by the sense of scientific beauty.

Humour stems from a benign violation of the way the world ought to be; but Sigmund Freud said that humour stems from a release of tension or from a feeling of superiority or incongruity.

If this is Tuesday, it must be **Rome**.

Some day you are all the **pigeons**, some day you are the **statue**.

Secret of **success** is blaming others for failure.

Money is the stuff you need in case you die tomorrow.

Are dogs and cats **conscious of themselves**?

Innovation is the elixir of **growth**.

In the long run growth is driven by **innovation**.
—Schum Peter

I **write** in a panic; I write when desperate.

The **earth** belongs to anyone who stops for a moment, gazes and goes on his own way.
—Colette A French, a writer (1877-1954)

Recovery is nothing but a series of **small steps**, small victories, strung together with no stumbles and no defeats; and you are treated.

Addicts know no shame; they disagree themselves so many times, they become immune to it.

No **man** is an island, entire of himself; but if any man's death diminishes, because I am involved in mankind, there are many deaths nearer home to lament.
—John Donne

Do not let in every camel in your **tent**.

Interesting or profound mathematical **truths** are somewhat sparsely distributed amongst mathematical truths in general.

Dolphins are created with **brains** as large as or larger than humans; but owing to lack of prehensile hands, they are unable to construct a civilization of our kind. They may not be able to write books or speak like humans (no vocal chords) but they can think, they may be philosophical, capable of thinking what is life; they do not sleep totally,—while one side of brain sleeps, other side keeps awake.

The might of **silence** is hugely audible.

Service is the key to **happiness**.

I love to **write**, but I write just for myself and my pleasure.

Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you **start missing everybody**.

How many Zen Buddhists does it take to **change** a light bulb? The answer is 'none'; because the real change must come only from within.

When you have eliminated the **impossible**, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the **truth**.

Calcutta is the most populated abandoned city in the world.
—A South African visitor

In **Calcutta** you don't see the city's face; you are constantly looking at the back of the city, where cables, wires hang everywhere.
—A Hong Kong Tourist

There are **questions** in **life**, which have no answers; better, it's that way.

Terror was **terror**, no matter who the perpetrator was.
—Kunal Basu

Japan is a country, so removed physically and culturally from the rest of the world,- it's almost a parallel world.
—Rachel Lopez

As long as there is **two of us**, we have got the **world** with all its charms. —St. Valentine

You have got to **give** a little, **take** a little and let your **heart** break a little. —St. Valentine

How can I be useful to **art,** when, to be with art, is all we ask?

Look, look, look and look again,—for nothing replaces looking.

I am a part of the **whole** and am content.
—Nanda Devi Conqueror, A U.S. Girl

When **love** and **will** work together, expect a masterpiece or a miracle. —John Ruskin

Keep **smiling**, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.

A man who keeps his **money** has in reality, more use for it, than he can have by spending it. —Dr Johnson

Life is plurality, **death** is uniformity.
—Octavio Paz

In the final phase of an **artist's** life,- often signifies "a sort of deliberately unproductiveness,— a going against."
—Edward Said

The only reason for **Time** is, so that everything does not happen at once. —Albert Einstein

There's nothing in a **caterpillar** that tells, it's going to be a **butterfly**.

Inexperience is a wonderful thing and some of us have to experience. (e.g. a kiss)

Saying is easy for anyone; what is difficult is **doing** what you said. —Thiruvalluvar

Those, who don't plan and analyze their strengths (and weaknesses) and potentials before **fighting** with an enemy, is likely to get defeated. —Thruvalluvar

Innovation is the whim of elite before it becomes a **need** of the public.
—Ludwig von Wises (American Economist)

A mediocre guy never **fails**, an intelligent one always does.

I believe in **justice**; but I will defend my **mother** before justice.
—Albert Camus

It is a lazy **parent** who finds it easier to acquiesce to the **whims of a child** than to stand firm and teaches **values.**

Why do you say, it is **bribe**? It is creative **diplomacy**.

It was dangerous to be **America's** enemy; but it was fatal to be America's friend. —Henry Kissinger

Politics is the **art** of postponing decisions until they are no longer relevant. —Henri Queuille

A **sweetheart** is a bottle of wine and a **wife** is a wine bottle.
—Charles Baudelaire

By definition, a **Government** has no **conscience**. Sometimes it has a policy, but nothing more.
—Albert Camus

All **happy families** are alike; all unhappy families are unhappy in their own ways.
—Leo Tolstoy (in *Anna Karenina*)

It is a **truth** universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.
—Jane Austen (*Pride & Prejudice*)

When MAVELI our king rules the land, all the **peoples** form one **classless race**. (Onam Song)

Love never goes out of **style**.

Power of **ideas** to **transform** the world is itself accelerating.

Leave the **earth**; go to moon and other solar planets and planets of other stars. —(Hawkins's Prescription)

Develop a **species** (by tinkering human species, if needed) by Genetic Engineering, to 'create' a species, which will be less prone to fighting water, climate change and stormy change of new technology.

—Prof. Stephen Hawking

In a **world**, that is in chaos politically, socially and environmentally, how can the human race survive/ sustain another 100 years?

—Prof. Stephen Hawking

In 1875 **England** raised the **marriageable** age of girls from 12 to 13 years and this caused a great wave of protests.

Actress Meera Jasmine (a Christian) entered the **Temple** Of Raja Rajeswara in Kerala to perform Puja, where non **Hindus** are banned. She paid an atonement fee of Rs 10000 to meet the expenses of "Punyaham".

IN 1988 "Sabarimala **Temple**" (where entry of **women** was prohibited) was entered into by actress Jaimala.

Life is made of molecular machinery– this was not known at Darwin's time. Then, how was Darwin's 'Theory of **Evolution'** still right? So comes "The **Irreducible Complexity Theory**" that the complex functional system must have been 'designed'. But how? By whom?

Honey **bees** are 100 million years old. They have 260 million **DNA** letters. They have 10000 **genes**, (Compare: Humans have 30000 genes). **Brains** of bees have a millionth the number of **neurons** of Humans.

Is it an innate, unlearnable capacity, to have **an ear for music** or an eye for colour? Or, a deep sense of kinship with animals? Or, a liking for flowers? For old men and women? For poetry?

What matters is the **spirit** of the campaign rather than the **truth**. —Uddalak Bhattacharya

Knowledge is what survives after every skeptic has tried to demolish it with facts and arguments. —Ashok V. Desai

One cannot **think** well, love well, and sleep well, if one has not dined well. —Virginia Woolf

A **woman** must have **money** and a room of her own, if she is to **write** fiction.

Oh, yes, **Families** are the best, except of course when they are the worst. —Seema Goswami

History, based on histories, looks to be the province of **professionals**.

Was **money,** with its swift arrival and swifter departure, like **women**, who seduced with their charms and then vanished?

Do you have a high **Debt to GDP Ratio**? And do you have large **current budget deficits**? And if the **recession** is a Keynesian one i.e. collapse of demand due to over- saving, then the Mantra is: focusing on spending the **economy** out of the recession now and worry about debt-deficit issues later on.
—Meghnad Desai

The view from everywhere is a **view** from nowhere.

There is nothing like **absolute truth**; every truth has a cognitive bias i.e. it depends on a view point or *Gesichtpunkt.*

Truth is determined by the 'place' of your standing; standing on the earth only, one can see sun eclipse or moon eclipse;— not from anywhere else.

Freedom, personal or political, is never absolute.
—Aung Suu Kyi

It is, what I know to be mine, or **true**, or nearly so, or perhaps not at all at times, for truth is a beast more **wayward** than... —Kartika Nair (from her book: *Until the lions...*)

The most recent event in human **evolution**– the emergence of our own species – is perhaps the most **obscure** of all.

—Ian Tattersall

There is more **diversity** in one social group of 55 **Chimps** than in the entire **human** population.

The **mitochondrial DNA** has 2 features that lend it a particular convenience as a kind of molecular clock, which is passed on only through the **Female Line**.

The missing link between **apes** and **humans** is **Homo-erectus** i.e. Java Man. (Fossils of Homo Simiadae i.e. man-apes found in Austria)

15 million years ago **Humans** and **Apes** split apart in Asia.

Homo erectus (the predecessors of Homosapeins-sapiens, who we are) walked the earth for more than 1 million years from Atlantic edge of Europe to China.

For the first 99.99999% of our **history** as **organisms**, we were in the same ancestral line as **Chimpanzees**.

Virtually nothing is known about **pre-history** of **chimpanzees**, but whatever they were, we were.

Sometimes, the **problem** with a **theory** could be that it may not be incorrect; but it might be too simple.

During 2.5 million years, we had about 17 severe glacial periods– coinciding with rise of **Homoerectus.**

There are 3 stages in scientific **discovery**: First, people **deny** that it is true; then, they deny that it is **important**; finally, they **credit** the wrong person.

The moment, when an **old man** finally **expires**, is no different from the slow **deaths** throughout his life.

I do not fear **death**. I was dead for billions and billions of years before I was born and had not suffered the slightest inconvenience from it. —Mark Twain

The **doctor**'s lie remains effective only until the **symptoms** become unmistakable.

When I am **dying**, I should like my life to be taken out **under a general anesthetic,** exactly as if it were a diseased appendix.

That it will never come again is what makes **life** so **sweet**.

If you think you understand **Quantum Theory**, you don't understand Quantum Theory. —Feynman

Science in general, as opposed to technology, does violence to **commonsense**.

Even the **poor** can have a sense of **fashion**.

War is really going out of **style**.

Heart has its **reasoning**, of which head knows nothing. Vice versa,— also valid?

The crucial thing about **planning** is timeliness of **execution**.

For an entrepreneur, **belief** in oneself and **will** to succeed, are all he needs.

It is sheer **courage** that opens up new **vistas**.

Darwin's theory is a theory, as it is a synthesis of many facts and unproved assumptions.
—(E Klith, H Faulkner, Paleologist of UK, employed in Calcutta)

The basic **teaching** of the **Upanishads** is: I Am The **Brahman**.

Computer chips' capacity is doubling every two years; whereas **human brain** has taken millions of years to triple since man's revolution from primates.

Artificial Intelligence is achieved only when a machine behaves so much like a person that it is **impossible to differentiate**.

Human body is made of 46 **chromosomes**, 3100 crores of **Moleculeotides**: A T C G, in which are concealed 30000 **genes**. Number of chromosomes is different for different plants and animals. D N A lives as chromosomes in the nucleus of the cells of living things.

A **mightier race** shall inhabit the mortal's **world**.
—Sri Aurobindo

Number of **Orchid species** in the **world** is 35000; 1450 in India.

In 1502, a **Spanish**, Fransisco Pigaro came to Panama—Pera and **destroyed Incas** with the help of 27 horses (then unknown to Incas), some country guns and Chinese bows and arrows.

Quantum Theory is a theory of **uncertainty**, indeterminism, and mystery— describing the behavior of molecules, atoms and sub atomic particles.

It is **controvertible** that the observer is a **participant** in a Genesis.

There are only two **miracles**: one is the existence of the never-failing laws of nature; and the other is the ability of the human mind to divine them.
—Eugene Wigner

Sphinx is one of the **oldest** (2500 BC) of the **pyramids**, the pharaoh-headed lion on the bank of the Nile, built in the image of the King Khafra.

The **artist** who is **afraid to lose** can never win.

Michigan Bank Roll is a bundle of notes, with only top and bottom ones real **currency** notes,- the rest fake.

Mexican Raise is a **promotion** with no increment in pay.

Classical Physics includes Newton's Mechanics and Einstein's Relativity. 'Classical' Physics was what physics was before Quantum Theory in 1925, which arrived, inspired by Planck, Einstein himself, Bohr, Heisenberg, Schrödinger, de Broglie, Born, Jordan, Pauli, Dirac.

It is an unnerving thought that we the **humans** may be the living universe's supreme **achievement** and its worst **nightmare**, simultaneously.

Behaviorally modern **humans** have been around for less than 0.01% of Earth's history and already on the edge of ruining it.

Writers have a sixth **sense** as birds and animals have, but **man** is the only animal which does not take his sense seriously; writers are men and women only.

A **woman**'s **thoughts** should matter more than her **looks**.

Man is condemned to be free with the **burden of freedom**. —Jean-Paul Sartre

Life is about **choices**.

China is a **closed society** with an **open mind**; India is an **open society** with a **closed mind**, -with we-know-it-all.

When you have eliminated the **impossible**, what remains, however improbable, must be the **truth**. —Sherlock Holmes

Everything in this **universe** is evolving in concert with everything else.

Everything comes to him who **knows how to wait.**
—Wolfgang Pauli

Religion is realization.—Swami Vivekananda

If you are not **better today** than what or how you were yesterday, then you have **wasted** 24 hours.

You need to **Riyaz** more than schooling or have Gurus, to **achieve.**

Doctrines of **Mao Zedong** are: strategic defense, strategic balance and strategic offence.

Thomas Hobbes's famous **prescription: Submit** to the written and unwritten canons of the Leviathan, whether enthroned individual or enshrined system.

Translation is an art of **failure.** —Umberto Eco

Death exists, not as the opposite but as a part of **life** to learn. —Haruki Murakami

People of this country **India** in this 21st century may not be **dying** off, but are living with **hunger.** —Harsh Mander

Every **master** copies from those that are of established authority. —Hestor Chapone

It is necessary to bring about a brief reign of **terror** in every rural area...**to right a wrong;** it is necessary to exceed the proper limit. —Mao Zedong (1927, *Hunan Uprising*)

Behind every **collapse** of a big firm, there is a **leader,** who has thrown it off the track. He is an **arrogant** person, who does not care for feedbacks and keeps all **power** to himself.

Talents you have; why, then, hesitate to take out the **pen**?
—Rabindra Nath Tagore

History almost always becomes the story of the **successful** and the **victorious**.

Treason does never **prosper**; for if it prospers, none dare call it treason.
—(An English Knight, 1615)

History is a success story.

Find something you **love** to do and you will never have to **work** for a day in your **life**.
—Harvey Mackay

Reports of my **death** are greatly exaggerated.
—Mark Twain

Building blocks of essential **reality** are in fact only excitation of the underlying abstract continuum.
—Dr Mani Bhowmick

Zero implies more than **nothing**.

Forces and **fields** are the result of broken symmetry of **nature**.

Marriage from **love,** like vinegar from wine– a sad, sober, sour beverage– by time.
—Lord Byron

The **Chinese** eat everything that **flies** except airplanes.

Chinese cuisine is a cuisine born of thousands of years of starvation.

Few push against the limits of the very **definition** of food as **Chinese** do.(Eat anything that satiates hunger.)

A fore-warned **enemy** is a fore-armed one.

Youth is definitely wasted on the young.

Only Benjamin professed to remember every detail of his long **life** and to know that things never had been, nor ever could be, **much better or much worse**– hunger, hardship and disappointment being, so he said, the unalterable law of life.
—George Orwell

All **animals** are equal. But some are more equal than others. —George Orwell

The truest **happiness**, Napoleon said, lay in working hard **living frugally**. —George Orwell

It seems, **nothing** kept him on his feet except the will to continue. —George Orwell

More **Scotch** is drunk in **India** than is bottled in all of **Scotland**.

An **army** marches on its **stomach**
—(Russians taught Napoleon)

Waiting for **death** is like waiting for the sun to rise.
—U G Krishnamurti

Violent **revolutions** are always made by power- hungry people and that if a radical improvement in human living is ever to be effected, the masses should know how to **chuck out their leaders** as soon as the latter have done their job.

What makes you a **man** is not the ability to have a child;— any fool can have a child. It is the courage to **raise the child** that makes you a father. —Barack Obama

Donkeys live a long **life**. None of you has seen a dead donkey. —George Orwell

Many **roads** lead to almost any **Rome**.

Results rarely specify their **causes** unassumed.

The great tragedy of **science** is: the slaying of beautiful **hypothesis** by ugly **facts**.

Science is always **wrong**. It never **solves** a problem without **creating** ten more.

Physics is always **right**, except when it is **wrong**.

I pick up the **morning paper** to see the **headlines**, if the **world** is already blown up and then I turn to **sports** pages.

The **first-borns** are snotty, bossy and stubborn and the **youngest** will have the laissez faire attitude to **life.**

Don't wait for the **road** to be crested; start **walking** and the path will open up. —Sneh Desai (22) (Motivational Guru)

The **savings habit**, **people** so cautiously talk about, is really a negative perception of what could go wrong in **future**. Present day **happiness** will attract future happiness.
—Sneh Desai

The best way to predict **future** is to **invent** it.

Stay in there, if only your **heart** is in it.

Your job as a **leader** is to get them to **volunteer** every day.

And they would **volunteer**, only if they **believe** in the **values** of the Institution, their colleagues and their boss.

It is to say: come at nine: but getting them to start working at nine is entirely up to them and only if, they are inspired by the **leadership**. Remember, every person in an **organization** is a volunteer.

You cannot guarantee **success** in life, but you can guarantee failure, and one of the ways to guarantee failure is by being an **ineffective leader**. —Karen Christenson

Approaching **eighty**, I sometimes see myself from a distance, as a **man** I know, but not intimately.
—John Updyke

In all great **emergencies**— **everyone** was more or less wrong.
—Henry Adams

A cardinal military lesson is that a **soldier** obeys his **orders**, come hell or high water, until the orders are countermanded.

Life is a great **opportunity** to heal oneself.
—A Shamanic Healer

Psychiatrists cannot differentiate between **sane** and **insane**.
—Rosenham (Authority on psychology)

War was a continuation of **politics** by other means.
—General Clausewitz (19th century Europe)

In a country regulated by Laws of **Demand & Supply**, but protected from open violence, the persons who become **rich** are, generally speaking, **industrious**, resolute, proud, covetous, prompt, methodical, sensible, unimaginative, insensitive and ignorant, but arrogant. The persons, who remain **poor** are, the entirely **foolish**, the entirely wise, the idle, the reckless, the humble, the thoughtful, the dull, the imaginative, the senstive, the well-informed, the improvident, the irregularly and impulsively wicked, the clumsy knave, the open thief, but the entirely reliable, just and **godly** persons.

The heaviest **Chemical Element** known is Element 118, which exists for less than 1/1000th second. It is formed by bombarding Californium (98) with Calcium (20) atoms.

Bad **habits** secure a grip upon us that we are sometimes powerless to shake off.

Present day **politicians** are smirched with **compromise**, rotted with opportunism, mildewed with expedience, stretched out of shape with wire pulling and putrefied perception.
—G B Shaw

After all they also serve who **retire gracefully**, when they can no longer hold the helm steady for one reason or other.

There are no shattered **dreams**, only shattered **dreamers**.

Internal **struggle** is the greater Jihad (al-jihad al-Akbar), whereas the jihad of the sword is the lesser **jihad**. (al-jihad al-asghar)

One man with **courage** makes the **majority**.

The **frontiers** are never east or west, north or south, but wherever a **man** fronts a fact. —David Thoreau

Poetry is not a turning loose of emotion, but an escape from emotion; it is not the expression of personality, but an escape from personality. —T S Eliot

Karl Marx was sort of an under-rated **humanist** and an over-rated **sociologist** and **visionary.**

If I were an **Arab leader**, I would never make terms with **Israel**; we have come here and stolen their country.
—David Ben Gurion (Creator of Israel)

India occupies 2% of the earth's surface but houses 20% of its **population.** —Navin Sood

In our (particularly **human**) **brain** and **gene** is written the tendency to **challenge**, as much to **love**, and **inter-dependence**.

In **Paleolithic Age**, the weak would control the strong; Since **Neolithic Age** onwards, it is reversed; it is the **strong** that control the **weak**.

Man is born to **live** and not to prepare for life.
—Boris Pasternak

Salvation lay not in **loyalty** to forms, but in throwing them off. —Boris Pasternak

Love is space and time measured by **heart**.
—Marcel Proust

All our final **decisions** are made in a state of **mind** that is not going to last. —Marcel Proust

Love is a reciprocal of **torture**. —Marcel Proust

All **political** careers end in failure.

Anyone, who entirely lacks the trait of self-loathing, is not to be **trusted**.

Not taking a **decision** is also a decision. —Narasimha Rao

The **unknown** does not incite **fear**, but the **dependence** does. —Jiddu Krishnamurti

There are two types of public **speakers**: those who are **nervous** and those who are **liars**. —Mark Twain

Plans are worthless; **planning** is everything.
—D Eisenhower

Logic will take you from A to B. **Imagination** will take you anywhere.

Our everyday **lives** are the only lives we have.
—Franz Kafka

At the end of the day we are all **animals**. The larger part of **human** life is darkness, but it is an odd balance. On days I feel that the **darkness** takes over.
—Neel Mukherjee

England was a state of **mind**, rather than a **country**.
—Alan Bennett (playwright & actor)

In every system there are **propositions** that are **true**, but cannot be **proved** as true.

At the time of **French Revolution**, Calcutta produced more news papers than any other country in the world at the time, which led to **Bengal Renaissance**.

If you shed **tears** when you miss the sun, you will also miss the stars. —Xi Jinping

A **leader** is one who **simplifies** complexity in everyday business, aligns team to one common goal, energizes them, and provides regular and constructive feedback... Important are leadership agility, mental agility and results agility.
—Sandip Girotra

That Government is the strongest, of which **everyone** feels himself a part. —T. Jefferson

When don't **understand**, translate.

A creator **loves** to mystify.

65 million years ago **Dinosaurs** were wiped out by a **meteorite** from space that crashed into Mexico.

A **human** body has 206 types of **cells**.

In 2008 **India** trained 1.5 million **engineers**, more than what USA and China produced jointly.

For most of our hundred thousand years of existence– all but the past couple of hundred years— the average **life span** of **human** beings has been 30 years or less.

Karl Marx wrote **poetry** on love. There is a Bengali translation by Sandip Gupta.

When French cinema director Francois Truffaut died, Jean Luke Godard, another French director, wrote: "Francois is perhaps **dead**. I am perhaps alive. But then, is there any difference?"

Even more than Kamala Das or Shobha De, Khushwant knows **what sells**. —Sunanda K Datta Ray

If you are writing, **write**; but there should never be a dull moment and there should never be an inelegant sentence.

The **man** says: "To cut paddy, you need a sickle; to get a young woman is no easy thing." The woman says: "To play in harmony, you need a tune; to get a young woman, is no easy thing." —A Garo Song

Variation itself is nature's only irreducible essence.
—Stephen Jay Gould

Nuclear weapons ended World **War** 2, but it was **radar** that won it.

The **cold war** is finally over; the cold war is beginning.
—(After Russo-US nuclear slash pact and after Ghauri, Ghaznaviand Haft tests)

Men and women should **love** one another and leave each other alone.
—D H Lawrence

The **mind** has no sex. —Francoise Poullain de la Barre

In a very real sense, the **writer** writes in order to teach himself, to satisfy himself; the **publishing** of his ideas, though it brings gratifications, is a curious anti-climax. —Alfred Kazan

Nobody gave us a **prayer**. But we had **faith** in ourselves.
—El HadjiDioufpape BoubaDiop (Of Senegal 31.05.2002)

Impossible is **possible**; work for it with **faith**.

Women are more fluent speakers and better **liars** than men. —A Study in the UK

The entire cult of **European chivalry** is of Arab origin.

There is nothing in the **Universe** to even suggest any **purpose** for humanity.

If you wait long enough, anything can happen,- even a new **Universe**. —Stephen Hawking

The **man** can see over his own height.
—Arthur Schopenhauer

Intellect is invisible to the man who has none.
—Arthur Schopenhauer

If God loves **man**, He will certainly disclose His **purpose** to him at least in a dream. —Cicero

Dreams are rudiments of the great state to come. We dream what is about to happen.

A **man** who does not drink is dangerous and a woman who drinks is dangerous. A man who drinks is basically a good person and a woman who does not drink may be a good lady.

Humanists have tried hard for ages to bring down **death rate** and increase longevity. Now that these goals are being increasingly achieved, the next new challenge is to **build a future for all**.

Simple **rules** generate very complicated, bizarre, unpredictable, seemingly chaotic patterns. The simple **rule** is a simple program called "Cellular Automat". —Stephen Wolfram

And now with the announcement of Watson and Crick about **DNA**, this is for me, the real proof of the existence of **God.** —Salvador Dali

Heard **melodies** are sweet, but those unheard, sweeter.
—John Keats

A **book** must be the axe for the frozen sea within us.
—Franz Kafka

I think we ought to read only those **books** that bite and sting us.
—Franz Kafka

Talent cannot make a writer; there must be a **man** behind it. —R N Emerson

Luck is a major ingredient in any form of **success.**

Ability, planning, confidence and luck are the **secrets** of **success.**

The cogs in the machines have become the **creator** of the **Universe.** —Gary Zukar

By 2050, **people aged 60 and above** will outnumber those under 15 and mostly will remain **active.**

Old age is not a **disease.**

It is **good** to be good but not so good to be too good.

The most **incomprehensible** thing about the **world** is that it is incomprehensible.
—Albert Einstein

What we observe is not **nature** itself, but nature exposed to our method of **questioning.**

Life could originate only from life already in **existence.**
—Louis Pasteur

It is dangerous to be too **good.**
— G B Shaw on Mahatma Gandhi.

The a-priori **probability** of evolving man must have been extremely small– for there were an almost **infinite** number of possibilities.

From the beginning of the **Universe**, the probability of evolving some living system was likely high. That the **evolution** will go in a particular direction to make our existence a reality is a different matter, a **chancy** matter.

I would like to live like a **poor** man with lots of money.
—F M A Voltaire (1694-1778)

From the **brain** and the brain only, arise our pleasures, joys, laughter and jests, as well as our sorrows, pains, grief and fears. —Hippocrates

The human **brain** receives fifty million **messages** per second.

Research shows that **females** are fickle. In all species, insects included, females are rarely faithful. That is why males and their **reproductive system** are so inefficient.

No one but a **fool** writes for anything but **money**.
—Samuel Johnson

I wanted to open up debate in the areas of vitalism, the **philosophy** that says, there must be some unknown quality that defines **life outside of chemistry and physics.**
—Prof. Eckerd Wimmer (State Univ. of New York)

Prof. Eckard showed with experiments with **genetic sequence** of polio virus that **living** beings are nothing more than **chemical and physical reaction**.

Cinema is difficult to explain, because it is so easy to understand. —Christian Metz

It is so nice to have a set of alternative **ideas** to the conventional **wisdom**. —Kristine Hawkins (an Anthropologist)

Leaders are like eagles; you find them one at a time.

It is better to raise children who are **happy rather than successful**. —(Doctrine of a banned Chinese book)

Harm is done not by the deeds of the evil, but by the silence of the **good.**

Disaster rumbles in, when **citizens** refuse to see the peril, let alone act against it.

The **value system** that immorality is the best way to **succeed,—** nay, even a way to succeed, must be **broken down** by you and me.

A decent **society** is not based on rights; it is based on duties. —Tony Blair

I have seen **Ceylon** and it is heaven.
—Anton Chekov

You gather the idea that **Mauritius** was made first and then heaven was copied from it.
—Mark Twain

What do you care what other **people think**.
—Richard Feynman

The effort to **understand** the **Universe** is one of the very few things that lifts human life a little **above the level of farce**, and gives it some of the grace of tragedy.
—Steven Weinberg (Nobel Laureate)

If the **Universe** had remained undisturbed everywhere for its entire existence, nothing of interest would have happened. Instead, time and again, a **local departure** from equilibrium happened, followed by **return back to the fold**. And everything of interest to us in the Universe has followed from these momentary **deviations**.
—Lawrence M Cross

Eternity is a continuum from a past in which we were hardly a possibility to the future, that will look, as James Jeans once said, "as though we had never been!"

Colonials of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your **complexes**.

The 21st **century** is the age of **displacement**.
—Eric Hobsbaum

Hell hath no fury like a **woman** scorned.

He that hath a **wife** and children hath given hostages to **fortune**.

The **philosophy** says that the **world** is **rational;** but the **poetry** says that the world is **beautiful**.

Matrimonial lore says, husbands never remember marital spats and wives never forget.

After you are thoroughly **confused** by reading all texts,... Come to ME!
—Lord Krishna to Arjuna

I am so tired of the **limitations** of the **Infinite**!
—D H Lawrence

But victories of **truth** have never been won without risks, often of the gravest character.
—M K Gandhi

The **astronomer** may speak to you of his **understanding** of space, but he cannot give you his understanding.
—Kahlil Gibran

When I sit down to **write** down a book, I do not say to myself, "I am going to produce a work of art."I write it, because there is some fact, I want to expose, to which, I want to draw attention, and my initial concern is to get a **hearing**.

One truth of **capitalism** is, perception drives the world as much as reality.

It is very easy to fool **people**,if you are clever enough.

The fleece **accompanies** the flock.

Fools are harder to conquer than persuade.

Youth, beauty, graceful action seldom fail.

Politics and **puja** co-exist, because both have lost meaning.

Poetry is defined as that which remains left out in **translation**.

The **Hindu religion** is sprawling, octopus-like. We want to be tidy in the West.
—Stephen Spender

Hinduism is an event rather than something static. It is an organism, developing, reforming, changing, absorbing– rather than a rigid **creed**.

There is no difference between a **house** and a **jungle.** There can be a house in a jungle and a jungle in a house.

Heart attack does not happen in a day; it takes years of preparation.

To be **successful** in this **competitive world**, one has to manage the future.

Don't imagine, you can **change** a man, unless he is in diapers.

The **rich** fear **terrorists**. The **poor fear**, they are being robbed (through democracy, globalization and free trade).
—Dr Mahathir Mohammad

It will take a day's **war** to destroy **the Taj**.
—Atul Dodiya, Artist

Painting can be therapeutic, but beginning is very painful.
—Atul Dodiya, Artist

Marriage was a **woman's invention**; a method of obtaining protection for the weaker human by the stronger one.
—Barbara Cartland

Marriage brings a man only two happy days; the day he takes his bride to bed and the day he lies in the grave.
—Palladiums (A Greek Poet)

Weakness is the only fault which **can never be corrected**.

In **Yoga**, the enemy is "inside"; our opponents are within ourselves and are: restlessness, lack of confidence, complexes, anxiety etc. Firstly one must learn to relax, **as an animal does**.

Love one another; **but make not a bond of love**.
—Kahlil Gibran

An **artist** essentially grows in **sad** times; **happiness** tends to make **you careless**. —Jagjit Singh

There is no **hell** worse than **selfhood**; no **paradise** but no **selflessness**.
—Sufi Abi'lL-Khayr

If you have not seen the **devil**, look at **yourself**.
—Rumi (Jalal ad-Din Muhammad)

At any given moment, I have **hated myself**; the sum total of these moments is **life**.
—Cyril Connelly

Strange but true: Every major **scientific advance** actually increases man's **uncertainty**, reduces his status as a species and undermines his **sense of purpose**. **Cloning** is one such development.

He who will not **reason** is a **bigot**; he who **cannot reason** is a **fool**, and he who does not reason, is a **slave**.
—Vivian R Derozio

What does a **woman** do, when **all the ideal men** are taken?

Humans have 30000 **genes** and the **water flea** Dalphia has 31000 genes.

The **Fusion Reactor** that lit **the Sun** 5 billion years ago, will last another **5 billion years**.

Life started on **Earth** 3.5 billion years ago, **after 10 billion years of creation** of the Universe.

The **longest mountain range** on Earth is **under the sea**,-called Mid Oceanic Ridge.

The primal great land mass **Pangaea** broke apart 200 million years ago and split into 2 distinct parts 65 million years ago,—North: **Laurasia**; South: **Gondowana** Land.

One of the **Anthropic Principles** is: The **observable Universe** has to be as it is; otherwise we would not observe it. Weak Anthropic Principle– gave us this Universe. Strong Anthropic Principle– **could create alternative Universes**.

The **Universe** constituted of 4% ordinary **matter**, 23% **Dark Matter** and 73% **Dark Energy**.

The **Sun** with all its Planets make **1 revolution of the Milky Way** in 220 million years.

Number of **Stars in a Galaxy** is ca. 200 billions. (Our Sun is a Star in our Galaxy: Milky Way). **Number** of Galaxies in the observable Universe is ca. 125 billions.

Whoever we may be, we **come into this world** as **gardeners**; our first impulse is to cultivate flowers and fruits and even when the needs of everyday life or the convention of the society calls for other occupations, **we still think of our first love**. —A French Scholar in 1740

Freedom can be created only by freedom. —Bakunin

A **dictatorship** can have no other aim or option than to **perpetuate** itself. —Bakunin

Ego prevents **God**-realization and self-realization.
—Sri Ramakrishna

Model-mongering is no **Economics**.

In **Communist** Laos, **opium** is the opium of people.

If it is harmful to give a **worker** less than he deserves, then it is also harmful to give him **what he does not deserve**.

True **humour** is inconceivable without an infinite **good mood**. —G. Hegel

No worse fate can befall a man or a woman than becoming **permanently entrenched** in personal **prudence and negation**. —Knut Hamsun

Whatever is personal is **sacred**. —Buddhadeb Bose

Whatever is personal is **political**.

I found, I was **making** tonnes of **money** working Monday through Friday, but was **unhappy**.
—Rakesh Godwani (gave up working & took to writing)

I am a **Bengali**; whatever the politics in Bengal, I will always support **Bengal**.

—Lord (Baron) Kumar Bhattacharya (IIT Made-In-India Manufacturing Centre)

Don't ever **tell anybody any thing;** if you do, you start missing everybody.

How many Zen Buddhists does it take to change a light bulb? **None**! Because the real change comes **from within**.

When you have **eliminated** the **impossible**, whatever remains, however impossible, must be the **truth**.

When I **work on something new**, it stretches me to the limit. I undergo a **metamorphosis**. It is as if I acquire a new Avatar, become a small God, who creates something new and beautiful. —Dhavan Desai (a movie maker)

These are **glorious sweatshops** where bright Indians waste their talents working in **outsourcing** for contributing to the **productivity** of **USA**'s economy, **not India's**. The jobs they do are unchallenging, with no opportunity for advancement or skill-development. **They earn cheaply and waste money on US goods.**

Insects (Phyton Andropoda) have 1.25 million **species** on earth. They outnumber all the animals combined. Cockroaches and ants carry on merrily **in atmosphere of radiation**.

No, we **cannot do it all**; because we **should not**. The **lonely hard life of a house wife** is not mine alone. It must be **shared**. —Zara Murao

Midlife past, midnight or middle class, I **prefer fitness** to Ferraris.

All that I most surely know about **morality** and **obligations**, I owe to **football**.

—Albert Camus

Good **women** never grow old. —S C Ferguson &E A Allen

Unless **East** was known, the **history** of man could never be written.
—Sir William Jones

Necessity hath no **law**. —Oliver Cromwell

Marriage as an institution is **not for women**; it's **for men** and it's a fact. —Ritu Menon

You may be Pepsi Cola's **President** and on its Board of Directors; but when you are **home**, you are the **wife**, the **daughter**, the **daughter-in-law** and the **mother** first. You are all of that **at the same time**, nobody can take that place. **So leave that damned crown** in the...
—**Indra** Nooyee's mother to Indra

Wealth is not a well-defined concept for wealthy individuals.
—Thomas Pickety

Top 1 % of the income earners in the U S A **earned as much as 20%** of the National Income in 2010.
—Thomas Pickety

The rate of return on income systematically exceeds the rate of growth of income. (**internal contradiction of Capitalism**)

A **Professional** is a person, who can **surpass himself,** he is today. —(A Japanese professional prosthesis maker)

Any claim for the **sharing of power by the minority** is called **communalism**, while the monopolizing of **whole power** by the **majority** is called **democracy** and nationalism!
—B R Ambedkar

Brains and **beauty** make a lethal **combination**.
—Khushwant Singh

It is a **crime** to **hope** when there is no reason for hope.
—Gunter Grass

There is nothing new to say on any subject. **The Sayers are so many and doers are so few**. That is **India** for you.
—Khushwant Singh

Women can't have it all; every day and many times a day, you have to make a decision whether you are going to be a **mother, a wife or yourself**. Still you have to cope, because you just **die of guilt** —Indra Nooyee

Women's biological clock, the career clock and your own clock are in complete conflict with one another.
—Indra Nooyee

Women, when you have to have kids, you have to build your career; when rising to mid-management level, your teen ager kids need you; and that's the time, your husband turns a teen ager himself; he needs you also.

As you **grow** further, your **life** is lonely and **empty** and unreal– a **waste of time**. —Edwina Mountbatten

Every one lives to his **appointed time**.
—Vijay Lakshmi Pandit

What is **now** in the **past** was in the **future**.
—F W Maitland (Historian)

One of the chief duties of a **citizen** is to be a **nuisance** to the Government of his state. —Thomas Jefferson

Perhaps one is **freer to be a scoundrel in India** than elsewhere.
—J B S Haldane

There are two ways of **politics** as one's **vocation**: Either, one **lives for** it, or, one **lives off** it.
—Max Weber

Promises are like lollipops, but **performance** is like a bitter medicine; and the people are as mercurial as quick silver. The **cheering crowd** of yesterday may turn a **jeering** mob tomorrow. —Khushwant Singh

Life, time and opportunity never **repeat** themselves.
—Amitav Bachchan

You can **solve any problem** if you **work as pals**; but friendly sentiments are in short supply. —Edwina Mountbatten

While **women work, men play**.

Civil obedience is a much greater problem than **civil disobedience.**
—Kumi Naidu (a South Africa born Green Peace Director)

Food is more urgent than **freedom.** —Indira Gandhi

The more one talks, the more there is to say and **there is so much that words fail.**
– J L Nehru

Life is a dreary business and when a bright patch comes by, it rather takes one's breath away.
—J L Nehru

Infrastructure is not development and growth. If that was so, **Nigeria** would have been the world's most developed country. —Rangan Dutta

One death is a tragedy; one **million** is a statistic.
—Joseph Stalin

India is a **gigantic economic mediocrity**, caused by having **too** many economists. —The Economist

In the **Punjab**, we have 55000 soldiers and **large scale rioting** on our hands; In **Bengal**, our forces consist of **one old man** (Gandhi) and there is **no rioting**. —Lord Mountbatten

Success is ugly. Men are deceived by its false resemblance.
—Victor Hugo

It is fairest to **live justly**, and most profitable to **live healthy**, but sweetest is to have a **bit of love** each day.
—Sophocles

The biggest truth on earth is that man never benefits from good advice. —Sarat Chandra Chatterji (A Bengali novelist)

There is none more **blind** than he who **refuses to see**.
—T Nayak

May be, **weakness is not** the worst quality for a woman; **obstinacy** is. —Putin

Women tend to push **boundaries** too far,- not because of their strength, but because of their **weaknesses**. —Putin

I have nothing against **walking**. The only problem is, after the first step, when I take the next one; I feel I am **repeating myself**. —Javed Akhtar

Criticism bites harder when it comes up as **praise**.

In less than one year, **Patel and Mountbatten** achieved a **larger India than** had 90 years of British Raj, 180 years of Mughal Empire, or 130 years of Ashoka and Maurya rules.

The day **India** achieved **self rule** would be the proudest day in **British** history. —Lord Macaulay

Changes of Nature are explosive, not continuous or smooth. —Planck

Modesty is a slow killer.

Don't stop thinking about **tomorrow**...don't stop, it w'll **soon be here**. —Bill Clinton

The **shortest distance** between two points is **determination**.

Be calm, **God** awaits you at the door.
—Gabriel Marcia Marquez

Love is not **blind**, but sees all the faults but does not mind.
—Gabriel Marcia Marquez

There is nothing **objective** about **history**. No one knows history. History is unknowable. So many circumstances, so many places, so many times,... even our life cannot be summarized. At best history is merely a **construct of the historian's own** idea of the events.

Truth is never a **truth**, if not applicable to everyone or everything on earth; there cannot be any two things alike.
—R N Tagore

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

Anyone with a **loud voice** is virtually incapable of **thinking subtleties**.
—F Nietzsche

Wanting to be loved is the highest form of **arrogance**.
—F Nietzsche

After all, **God** was one of our more benign **errors**.

If you don't do it, **somebody else** will.
—Shekhar Dua

The system of relegating **women** to the **status of slaves** has been evolved in society by **men**.
—R. Tandi (A Dalit woman)

Alcoholism, **wife abuse** and **violence** are basically a **city syndrome**. It is not so in the rural scenario, where **dominance of the mother-in-law** is a **problem** and a **protector**. The city problem is due to **boredom in working** that men have to endure and financial **non-independence** of women.
—An Indian Sociologist

There are no **secrets** to **success**. It is the result of **preparation**, **hard work** and learning **from the future**.
—Collin Powell

The **boom**, **not the slump**, is the right time for **austerity** in the treasury. —Maynard Keynes

A genuine **leader** is not a searcher for **consensus**, but a moulder of consensus. —Luther King

When you think you are **not understood**, or when you think **they have no patience** to hear you out, or when you get the impression that you **cannot make facts interesting** enough, or when you think you have already over-told about facts and ideas, better you stop and sit down to **write** fiction.

How good a **book** is should be judged by the man who writes it by the excellence of **materials he eliminates**. (The Old Rule) —Earnest Hemingway

The general rule is: you are **never happy unless poor**.

It is only with the **heart** that we can see rightly, as the essence of things is **not visible** to the eyes. —Saint Exupery

Life is so **beautiful** that **death falls in love** with it, - a jealous, possessive love, - that grabs at what it can. (Life of Pi) —Yann Martel

When multiple **solutions** exist, choose the **simplest**, which is usually correct.

Nobody tells you, **what you can or cannot**.

I **am 90% books** and 10% anything else.
—(A 22 year old, Samantha Shannon. Has 7-books, deals with Bloomsbury. Writes min. 4 hours a day.)

Every day and in every way, I am growing better and better. —**Auto suggestion** by Emilie Cove in 1923 (before Dale Carnegie &Vincent Peale)

Pain is the ransom of **formalism**. —Louis Bourgeois

Hardly is anyone too **ugly** or disagreeable to find a **wife** or a husband, if he or she wants one. —G B Shaw

The **poor** are another country. —L P Hartley

Females simply have access to realms of **biology** that males do not. —Huntington F Willard

When **facts do not suffice**, or contradict, or they have varying versions, you better **write fiction**.

The first necessity of a **married woman** is to come between her husband and his mother. —G B Shaw

I have taken all **knowledge** to be my province. —D K Roy

Ever tried, ever failed? No matter. Try again, Fail again, **Fail better**. —Samuel Beckett

A **child** is raised not only by its parents, by **its village** too. —Hillary Clinton

Mediocrity generates more mediocrity.

Women, like men, admire those that are stronger than themselves. —G B Shaw

Celebs don't have pressure at all. We are lucky and privileged. Pressure is what a **farmer, forced to commit suicide, ...feels**. —Saif Ali Khan

A **crowd** is a mass of people, with no confidence, but **with conflicting interests**.

It is desirable to **forgo identity politics** in favour of community-based unity-building. —Barack Obama

Will to power is the primary ground of human discourse and particularly of **knowledge**. —F Nietzsche

To those, who have the greatest **power of loving**, love is the secondary affair. —G B Shaw

Poetry isn't worthless; but it is worth less than many poets and readers believe. However much we like it, it may not **merit** all the **claims** it can make on our time.

I prefer **liberty** with danger to peace with **slavery**.
—J J Rousseau

Luxury at once corrupts **rich and poor**, the rich by possession and poor by covetousness. —J J Rousseau

Races do not exist; **cultures exist**. —Dacia Marini

The **world will end** in the year 2060. —Isaac Newton

Newton was 'the last of the **magicians'** rather than 'the **first of the Age of Reason'**. —John Maynard Keynes

Newton studied theology, **alchemy**, divination, physics, optics, healing and plain old **black magic**; he was also engaged in search of **Philosophers stone** and **Elixir of Life**. He managed to generate a dendrite 'Diana's Tree' from Hg in a solution of Silver Nitrate, which convinced him of some **innate life in metals**.

The absolutely **simple** is absolutely **mysterious**.

V S **Naipaul** said that **Malaysians** thought of themselves as **mysterious**.

Just when we think that **we know**, we are faced with the **unknown**.

Africans show greater **philosophical** spirit than **Germans**, who are famous for philosophy.
—Dr Livingstone (1870)

I am too **busy** to see visions or experience **miracles**.
—The 14th Dalai Lama

Poetry makes nothing happen. —W H Auden

The greatest **crimes against humanity** have happened in representative **democracies**.

The **past** is a foreign country; they do things **differently** there. —L P Hartley

American billionaire **philanthropists** feel they have a moral right to **evade tax**.

It hardly needs telling that **everyone knows**.

Universality has its place in the physical sciences but rarely in social **sciences**.

Truth on any one issue lies roughly **half-way** between the extremes.

Everything should be made as **simple** as possible, and no simpler. —A Einstein

Many of the **judgments are ego-trips**, erecting prejudices into principles. —M N Venkatachaliah

Everybody is worried about **terrorism**; well, there is really an easy way: stop **participating** in it. —Noam Chomsky

I would not **kill a human being for a cow**, as I will not kill a cow for a human being; universal justice.

The progress of **Greece** was dependent on **slavery**.

Fill each other's cup but drink not **from one cup**.
—Kahlil Gibran

Love unrealized is love **remaining**.
—Advaita Kala

Family life is a prison where the parents are the tyrannical keepers and school education is a harbinger.

The only thing worse than being **blind** is having sight but no **vision**.
—Helen Keller

All **religions** are impostures.
—Emperor Frederick II (Northern France, Italy, Sicily, Germany)(most secular; His court had Muslim, Jewish and Christian philosophers.)

A man to carry on a successful **business** must have **imagination**; he must see things as in a vision, a dream of the whole thing.
—Charles M Schwab

Nature is no friend of the **infertile**.

Communism is the **Islam** of the 20th Century and Islam is the Communism of the 18th Century.
—A French thinker:Mounerot

As far as Laws of **Mathematics** refer to **reality**, they are not **certain**; as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality. —A Einstein

The **listener** must suspend **judgment**.

One can hear your **attitude**; attitude is **eloquent**.

Losers blame the world for **failure**; winners **network**.

Halifax is a city where people have not let their **past** determine them, and let **hope** hold sway over the **history**.
—Sonia Nazareth

Poverty and lack of **jobs** have an axiomatic relationship.

All **violence** is basically about a breakdown of **communication**.
—Graham Greene

In any work of **art**, someone, however inept or amateurish she may be, - is trying to find herself and she is trying to share with someone like you; it is your duty to **encourage** her. —Sandipan Deb

The complete **democratization** of the visual **media** is both a good thing and a very bad thing, like most things.
—Sandipan Deb

A **resolution** is what we need **every day**, not for a whole year. —Mithun Dey

The argument that **Capital Punishment** is a deterrent against persons committing murder or rape is one of the most stubborn myths about the death penalty.

When two **opposite views** are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie halfway between the two. It is possible for **no side** to be simply **wrong**.
—Dawkins/ Rudyard Kipling(?)

There is time differential between rates of **speech** (100-150 wpm) rate of **thought**. (400-500 wpm)

I must be able to tell you **who I am** before I can know who I am. And I must know who I am before I can act truly, that is, in accordance with my true self.
—Sydney Guard

Listeners absorb information in proportion to its **vividness**.

A **meeting** is an event where people speak up, say nothing, then all disagree, or agree; it is also a place where you keep minutes to throw them away after the event.

Tall **guys** get the **jobs** and the girls.
—Stuttaford

Men are generally **insecure**; besides they have **wives** to face and **bills** to pay.
—Peter Roebuck

The only constant in **Nature** is **change**.
—Heraclitus (500 BC), Greek Philosopher

Playing hard and **working** hard is an admirable recipe for a long and fruitful **life,** which is a **myth**.
—(Elvis Presley's life and death)

The expanding **limitlessness** of the **Universe** has the centre everywhere, but the circumference, nowhere.
—Edgar Allan Poe

Men often become what they **believe** themselves to be.
—Mahatma Gandhi

The **Universe** stretches into infinitude, vast **beyond belief**.
—Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Whatever you can **do** or **dream** you can, begin it.
—Goethe

We are not afraid of **death**; but we shuddered when we thought about what would happen to our **bodies**, when we are dead. —A sex worker of Dhaka

I have learnt to use the word '**IMPOSSIBLE**' with the greatest caution. —Warner von Braum

While we are a **developing** country, America is a developing **civilization**. —Mani Shankar Aiyer

I have no problem working with **Stalin** to defeat **Hitler**.
—W Churchill

Philosophers since **Aristotle** have reasoned that a **friend** should be chosen for his **character**.

There can be no true **friends** without true **enemies**.
—Prof Samuel Huntington

Be **brief** in your reasoning; long windedness pleases no one.
—Cervantes

You want **Osama**; we want **Warren Anderson**.
—Raghu Rai

The only thing that **scientists** ought to be, is humble; because they know, more than others, **how little they know**.

Genetics as a whole is a over-hyped **science**; It is like anatomy in the 15th century when 'heart' was being understood.

The best part of **living** is standing up to a **barrier**.
—Jeff Adams (Climbed in wheel chair 1776 stairs of world's longest tower.)

Love knows the joy of **giving** without any expectation of **getting** anything in return.

Man created a **dog** taming a wolf.

Be **focused** and go for **growth** volume. Be firm but fair in your dealings. 1) Get good people around you and let them function. 2) Listen to your customers, to your employees, dealers and suppliers. 3) Do not succumb to wrong request or pressure.
—Rahul Bajaj (who never asked favour of politicians or burocrats in his rise in turnover from Rs 38 millions in 1968 to Rs 38 billion in 1998)

There cannot be **fences** around **ideas**, philosophies, attitudes or beliefs.
—Salman Rushdie

Human life is a play of **mind**. —Ashutosh-ji Maharaj

The struggle of man against **power** is the struggle of **memory** against forgetting. —Milan Kundera

The **democratic** rights of the English People were the flip side of the **denial** of democracy in the **colonies**.

Democracy is a **costly** affair.

No **democracy** has performed as badly as the worst **dictatorship**.

Nonviolence is an essential part of all mass movements.
—Bhagat Singh

Violence was the mid wife of **history**.
—Karl Marx

Though **Sadam** Husain lived like Stalin, he could die like Hitler in a bunker, going down fighting. —Al Marashi

Work is no fun if it protects the weak.
—(Teutonic work ethic and Prussian discipline)

An **actor** is known by his last **film**. —Anil Kapoor

History has recorded many meetings of statesmen following a war. Guns are silent and leaders are wise. Let some time pass and they would **forget lessons learnt** at great **human cost.**

Martyrs make **myths** and the converse could quite equally be true. —The Telegraph

The fear of **failure** is more dangerous than failure itself.

Self esteem triggers within you a process of self purification. It brings you closer to your soul.

Resources deployed for **destruction** are always more available than those required for **construction**. —Jeremy Seabrook

Materialism is toxic for **happiness**. —Ed Diener

Lack of **subtlety** and art do not make good **bed fellows**.

Performing **artists** do not make good composers.
—Balamuralikrishnan

All the **decisions** of my life have been guided by how I could behave with beautiful **women** without having to change my face.
—Prahlad Kakkar, the ad-man, scuba driver and restauranteur

I have not **worked** a single day of my life, because the work I do is something I enjoy thoroughly. —Prahlad Kakkar

Men are so inevitably mad that not to be mad would be to give a mad twist to madness.
—Blasé Pascal

Man builds to a criterion of **stiffness**. Nature builds to a criterion of **strength**; it usually takes less material.
—Dr Vogel

I don't believe in **God**; I am afraid of Him.
—Gabriel Garcia Marquez

If India can't, **Indians will**. —Mohandas Pai

Countries do not **compete**; companies do.
—Mahalingam (VP, TCS)

You don't have to invent a new **product**; you just have to make it different and **better**, like Richard Branson made travelling, fun. —Karen Billimoria

Wherever you go, **integrate**; but never lose your roots.

Good **listeners** don't answer **questions** with questions.

It is the cowards and fools who say, **'No'**, 'I **cannot'**, 'This is **fate'**. Never say no, I cannot, for you are infinite. Even time and space are nothing compared with your nature. You can do anything. You are almighty, It is the strong man who says, I will make my fate.

—Swami Vivekananda

The whole of humanity is linked with moral **values**, spirituality and personal dignity— which is common to all classes, castes, sects, religions at all places, at all times.

—Luis Tolelo Sande (Cuban poet)

There is no danger of **war** between the **races** in **Cuba**. Man means more than white man, mulatto or black man.

—Jose Marti (Cuban poet)

There are three things that must be realized: that a **stint in India** will cure the **restlessness** out of any living creature; that a little **money** can go a long way there; and that a novel set in 1939 in Portugal may have very little to do with Portugal in 1939.

—Yan Martel

Even the most fantastic of **dreams** can be **achieved**, if we are prepared to **endure** life's challenges.

—Nelson Mandela

Human **life** is a **pilgrimage** from darkness to light.

—M P K Kutty

Today is the first day of the rest of your **life**.

—M P K Kutty

To choose **doubt** as a philosophy of **life** is akin to choosing **immobility** as a means of transportation.

—Yan Martel

All **living** things contain a measure of **madness** that moves them in strange, sometimes inexplicable ways; this madness can be saving; it is a part and parcel of the ability to adapt; without it, no species will survive. —Yan Martel

The more the **universe** appears **comprehensible**, the more it appears also **pointless**.
—Steven Weinberg (a physicist)

I challenge anyone to **understand Islam**, its spirit and not to love it; it's a beautiful religion of brotherhood and devotion.
—Yan Martel

The founding principle of **existence** is what we call **love**.

The greater **good** and greater **profit** is not **compatible**.

To be drunk on **alcohol** is disgraceful, but to be **drunk on water is noble** and ecstatic.

Only **fear** can defeat life. Fear is in the mind; it is an impression only. Fear nestles in the mind like gangrene.

Ignorance is the worst doctor, while rest and sleep are the best nurses.

Life is a peephole, a single tiny entry on to a vastness. This peephole is all I have. —a Muslim prayer

Fear is life's only opponent.

While **winning** is not everything, but wanting to win, is.

The largest room in the world is the room for **improvement**.

Do **soldiers** ever get to choose their ordnance?

Tigers, indeed all **animals**, do not favour **violence** as a means of settling scores.

Faith in **God** is an opening up, a letting go, a deep trust, a free act of love– but sometimes it was so hard to love.

Despair is a heavy blackness that lets no light in or out. I thank God, it always passes. God always remains. I **go on loving**.

God, grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.
—Reinhold Niebuhr (American theologian)

History is bunk. —Henry Ford

History is plastic. —George Orwell

The **song** of a nomad predates the scribbling of a settler.
—*Joseph Brodsky*

Cogito ergo sums— **I think** where I am not, therefore I am where I do not think. —Laconia **rephrasing** of Cartesian Dictum

Wine bottles are not **trophies**; they have to move out of the selves. —Raja Rao

Be not **mother** to some and step mother to others.
—Akbar The Great

Nature is not cruel or kind; it is simply pitilessly **indifferent**. —Richard Dawkins

After all, **prophets** always get stoned.

The **goal** of life is life itself.

Humankind cannot bear too much, too much **reality**.
—T S Eliot

Why is there something, rather than **nothing**?
—Philosopher Wittgenstein

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.
—Martin Luther King

Have you not heard, when a man marries, dies or turns **Hindu**, his best friends hear no more of him?
—P B Shelley

It is surprising how much you **can accomplish**, if you don't care who gets the **credit**. —Abraham Lincoln

Leadership is performance. You have to be conscious of your behavior and actions, because everyone else is.
—D Gordon

Together, each achieves more. —D Gordon

The **ideal performance** set is: concentration, discipline, patience, cooperation, agreement and faith. —D Gordon

Play to your **strength**– keep it simple. If you settle for nothing else than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your life. —D Gordon

History does not declare the future to us so plainly.
—Tony Blair

I think we live in a **racist** country; what has beauty to do with skin colour? —Reshmi Ghosh (a beauty queen)

Tact is the knack of making a point, **without making an enemy**. —I **Newton** (-which he had the least!)

They must often **change** who would be constant in **happiness** and wisdom. —Confucius

Empires **imprison** their rulers as well as their subjects.
—George Orwell

The only way to predict the **future** is to have the power to shape it. —Eric Hoofer

A man's got to **believe** something. I believe I'll have another drink. —W C Fields

Ideas grow when they are discussed.

In **youth** we run into difficulties; in **old** age difficulties run into us. —Josh Billings

The **English language** dominates, not because English is any better than others, but because the **US dollars talk in English**.

It is a kind of spiritual **snobbery** that makes people think they can be happy without money. —Albert Camus

Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.

If you return **good for evil**, what will you return for good? So, return good for good and justice for the rest.
—Confucius (in the Analects)

When **going** gets weird, the weird turns pro.
—Hunter S Thompson

To live **outside the law**, you must be honest.
—Bob Dylan

Yesterday's **weirdness** is tomorrow's reason why.
—Hunter S Thompson

A **closed mind**, like a closed parachute, is a **killer**.

The **corrupt** accumulate **wealth** in keeping with their **abilities**.

Some time it is worse to **win** a fight than to **love**.
—Billy Holiday

A lot of people who have as **successful father** as this, feel a sense that they have **failed**.

Countless studies have shown that boys of authoritative and **dominating mothers** are at much higher risk of becoming wild, alcoholic and **antisocial**.

The golden period of anybody lies in the **future**.
—Kosambi (historian)

Any sufficiently **advanced technology** is indistinguishable from **magic**.
—Arthur C Clarke

Why is there a world? No **scientist** can ever see how science could ever provide an answer; but **God can**.
—Tom McLeish

Modern **science** did not emerge 400 years ago to **challenge religion**, which is the orthodoxy of the past 2000 years for the Christians and 5000 years for the Hindus.

Modern **physics** began with a desire **to explain the clockwork of God's creation and** Newton was highly religious.

Corruption is a symptom of dysfunctional interface between the **Government and society**.

Modern **geology** grew at least partly out of **searches** for evidence of Noah's Ark.

Modern **biology** owes much to the urge to marvel at the **intricacy** of Divine Providence.

Each **betrayal** begins with trust.
—Phish

After all, in the pursuit of **creativity**, is it really necessary to have knowledge of a fellow writer's work?

Mozart increases **mental** mass. (Particularly in a part of brain known as Broca's Area)

We can **change** our mind, we can **improve** it, and we can do nothing about ways that can alter it. We are not generally stamped with a **particular brain** that translates into this mind. —Lord Winston (famous fertility scholar)

In **India** the public-private binary is as anti-science as it is anti-secular.

What is **real? If you are talking about your senses, what you feel, taste, smell or see or hear, th**en, all you are talking about are electrical signals interpreted by your brain. —Morpheus (the Matrix Trilogy)

For a nation to try to **tax itself into prosperity** is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself by its handle. —Sir Winston Churchill

Let only death be certain in this world, not **income tax**. —Benjamin Franklin

Globalization is so bad that American **kids cease to love** their parents at 14.

Choose your **friends** carefully; your **enemies** will choose you. —Yasser Arafat

Always try to go a distance, **if not further**.

Smile; it could be worse.

I am pretty certain, if there was **no pain** or fear of death, there would be no need for **religion** or prayer.
—Khushwant Singh

Common people do not **pray**; they only **beg**. —G B Shaw

Prayer must never be answered; if is, it ceases to be a prayer and becomes a **correspondence**. —Oscar Wilde

Middle class culture is a culture of complaints.

Day-to-day poverty is not visible. Its **solution is not feasible**.

All **wealth** that are produced in the country are owned, managed and enjoyed by **"The Rich Man's Club".**

Our business is about **managing the costs** and not about managing revenues. We just do things more efficiently to ensure lower costs. —G R Gopinath

Women can work in chaos— it's all they have.
—Bulbul Sharma (artist)

We are ready to be exploited, but we must be fairly **exploited**. —Mahathir Mohamed (P M, Malaysia)

Judicial power is more a **brake** than a chariot.
—Justice P B Mukherjee

What the **court** did not do was often more important than **what it did do**. —Justice L O Brandeis (US Supreme Court)

To be **modern** is to set the **women free**. —Polly Toynbee

Common sense is the most uncommon thing in the world.
—Swami Vivekananda

I don't know the key to success; but **key to failure** is to try to please everybody. —Bill Cosby

Those who don't **read history** are condemned to repeat it.
—George Santayana

A **lie** can travel half way around the travel while the **truth** is putting on its shoes.
—Mark Twain

Ignorance and fear—those are the twin bases of every **religion**.
—Marquis de Sade

There is no **20th century tyranny** which has not had unreserved support of one group of intellectuals or another.
—Sham Lal

We are what we **repeatedly do**.
—Aristotle

Great works are performed not by strength, but by **perseverance**. —Samuel Johnson

If you thoroughly know anything, then only proceed to **teach to others**. —Tyron Edwards

If you would like **to thoroughly know** anything, teach it to others. —Tyron Edwards

Change is the law of life and those who look only to the **past** or **present**, are certain to miss the **future**.
—John F Kennedy

Population of **Florence** is 3.5 lakh; 1.6 crore tourists visit Florence annually. Florence contains 60% of world's art heritage. Dante, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci lived in Florence and tombs of Machiavelli and Galileo can be found there.

Although more **women will join public life**, nothing will change, since women are as dumb as men, if not dumber.
—Dilbert's Principle

When a draft is completed, the job of **writing** can begin.
—Donald M Murray

It is absolutely impossible to know through physical means what occurs within the atom; **an atom is known by its effects**. —Bertrand Russell

Language is the most amazing achievement of the symbolist **human mind.** Without it anything, properly called **'thought', is impossible**. —Susanne K Langer

One is not born but **becomes woman**.
—Simone de Beauvoir

Elegance is not getting noticed but being **remembered**.

When furniture **collects**, people are pushed out.

Be careful with **quotations**– you can damn anything.
—Andre Malraux

Life style of **global privilege** has been elevated over the might to survive. —Jeremy Seabrook

Remember, **Van Gogh didn't sell** when alive, neither did Cezanne and there was no takers for Picasso's Blue Period.
—Bimal Banerjee (US based artist)

Gravitation is not responsible for people **falling in love**.
—Albert Einstein

I am a completely **isolated** man and though everybody knows me, there are very few people who **really know** me.
—Albert Einstein

He says he is totally **stupid**, that he has always thought so and that only once in a while was he able to accomplish something. —Johanna Fantova on **Einstein**

Time, space and gravitation have no separate existence from matter. —Albert Einstein

He who **controls** the present controls the past and he who controls the past controls the future. —George Orwell

It is the practice of the multitude to bark at **eminent men,** as little dogs to strangers. —Seneca

Science is a little more than a social construct with no greater claim on our beliefs than any other myth.
—Derrida (post-modern French philosopher)

The physical **world** is immaterial. —Bishop Berkeley

How do you **know** what we know?
—(The question of epistemology)

State should subsidize even the voluntarily unemployed; because **the rich have been idle for centuries.**
—J K Galbraith

It is better to **stick with a decision**, having made it, than to change with wind and try to put toothpaste back into the tube.

The **state** is a negative agency, is a destructive force that crushes **cultural** flowers, amalgamates forms and extinguishes spirit. —Herder (A German philosopher) on history

There is no one way of **knowing**, least of all, the human **mind**.

We all are prisoners of our **perceptions**.

There is nothing as **deceptive** as the obvious **fact**.
—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

If there were no **God**, there would be no **atheists**.
—G K Chesterton

When things are difficult, **tension** is better managed.

Every **crisis** fades soon, making way for the next.

The bigger you think, the crappier it looks. **Think small**, it might look great!

To earn the **trust of the daughter**, you have to know and like everything about the **mother**.

Happiness is a betrayal of principle; but happiness is **unavoidable**.

Sunrise is a rural event; in **cities** a mere abstraction.

The **mind** is what the brain,- mere matter,- performs.

When **anything can happen**, nothing much matters. It's all kitsch.

Not everything is getting worse;— the world should take note.

Music transports to a glimpse of an impossible world in which you give everything you have to others, but lose nothing of yourself.

When **fathers** were not absent, they loom irascibly preventing rather than enabling the better, riskier elements of life.

It is sometimes when reality has **exhausted** itself that the **imagination** rouses from its snuggery.

Unlike **musicians** and athletes (due to munificence of genes or gods), **scientists** are made, not born.

A **woman** with a 'beautiful mind' would rather **raise an Einstein** than become one. And that's not a bad bargain.

Tragedies are just milestones. —Poonam Sareen (Speed)

Shopkeepers, Christians, cows, women, **Englishmen** and other **democrats** belong together. —Friedrich Nietzsche

Reality exists in the **mind** of man.
—Emmanuel Kant ("See below"), Hegel ('Reason is the ultimate of Reality'), Fichte, Schopenhauer ('The basis of Reality is will'), accepted this **realistic hypothesis**.

There are **two worlds**; One is 'things in itself' and the other is 'things in the mind'; 'Things in itself can never be known'.
—Emmanuel Kant

A lot is **taught**, but a little is **learnt**.

A person's real **value** is judged by the **farewell** he gets on his last journey.

In case you had not noticed, **all women are pioneers**.

Acknowledging the **power within** brings us one step closer to using it.

Remember, **happiness** is a fragile but wonderful thing.

There is no greater **certainty in life** than death.

India is a **rich country full of poor people**. Most Indians are the poorest of the poor; but some Indians are the richest of the rich.

Most **Indians** are prone to corruption and nepotism; some are examples of uprightness and honesty. This describes the **middle class** and above. The men below are another country, where the converse is true.

The art of **medicine** consists in amusing the patient while **nature cures the disease**.
—Voltaire

Just about everyone gives **free health advice**—except **doctors**, who sometimes don't, even when you pay them.

Even as I tell you that **Jesus** is all around, I cannot find Him myself. —Mother Teresa

Das Kapital won't even pay for the cigars I smoked writing it. —Karl Marx told his son in law.

A **cigarette** is the perfect type of perfect pleasure; it is exquisite and it leaves one unsatisfied; what more can one want?
—Oscar Wilde

Michael Jackson is living a billionaire's life with a billionaire's income. —A Juror

Complete **systems** cannot be controlled and **Nature** cannot be imitated.

In the depth of **winter**, I finally learnt that within me there lay an invincible summer. —Albert Camus

The pace of fundamental advance in physics is set by human stupidity. —Freeman J Tyson

Mankind always set itself such task as it can solve.

Science is the belief in the ignorance of the experts.
—Richard P Feynman

The **young** has always the same problem – how to rebel and conform at the same time. They have solved this by defying their **parents** and copying them at the same time.
—Quentin Crisp

Once you make a **decision**, the universe conspires to make it **happen**. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Never **trust** a person who cannot be **bribed**.
—Aristotle Onassis

A plausible **impossibility** is more important than a convincing **possibility**. —N R Narayanmurthy

Grit your teeth and **try** your hardest.
—Martin Chappell (Ian and Greg's father)

Play hard but fair. —Greg Chappell

Greatness transcends disciplines.

You don't go to a great **idea** from nothing without doing a lot of **work**. —Peter Watson

May be, this **world** is another planet's hell.
—Aldus Huxley

To measure a book's **success** by the awards it garners is to succumb to the inertia of **vanity**. —James English

Music has infinite powers to enhance life and enlighten our senses.

Nothing is funnier than **unhappiness** or, for that matter, **failure**.

It was preposterous to think that an intelligent **woman** needed a **man** to be happy.
—Emilie Du Chatelet (1707-1749) (at the time of Voltaire, who married her also; She researched on Newton; before the concept of conservation of energy, she developed the modern concept of **energy**.)

I don't **exercise**. If God had wanted me to bend over, He would have put diamonds on the floor. —Joan Rivers

Artists' job is not to curry favour, but to try and speak with honesty about things going on around.
—Peter Sellers(Director of Zaide– the unfinished Mozart opera)

Art and Literature are luxuries in a poor non-Western country troubled with pre-modern problems.

Writers write for their ideal readers, for their loved ones or for no one.
—Orhan Pamuk

Christian philosophy is based on fear, guilt, and sin; plenty of people talk about "love". But love here has too many rules and starts out by making you feel bad about yourself and about the human condition. Seeing deities in India smiling and dancing, Westerners think **Hinduism** is not a serious religion, as torture and suffering are what they are raised on.
—Tim Parks

Keynesian 'full employment' through digging the hole first and filling them up next, does not consider the inevitable 'time lag' **when 'people' die**.

Economists did not distinguish between bad goods and good goods; between poison, food and medicine.

Given **infinite time**, termites could construct telescope.
—Philip Morrison, physicist

Sometimes a **voice** is all that voiceless people need.
—Tian of Jiasang (a villager of China)

Reality must take precedence over **public relations**, for nature cannot be fooled.
—Richard P Feynman

Lord, grant me **patience and hurry!**

Pain is inevitable but **suffering** is optional.

The purpose of **life** is a life of purpose.

Women are born to cook or are cloned to bloom?

It is a damned poor mind that can think of only **one way to speak a word**. —Andrew Jackson

If **'love'** is the answer, will you please re-phrase the 'question'?

Space, time and field cannot exist separately.
—Albert Einstein

Occasional disorientation is the occupational hazard of all **truth-seekers**. —Dr Moni Bhowmick

Beauty is short-lived tyranny. —Socrates

Beauty is a privilege of Nature. —Plato

Beauty is a silent cheat.
—Theophrastus

Beauty is nothing but symmetry, Pure mathematics.

Living cells usually do not waste energy or resources, and so only make substances that are useful to them.

Chemistry is not that efficient or intricate as **biology**.

Time is in other's hands than ours. Therefore we have to put **impatience** and dissatisfaction far away from us.

Without Him, I exist not; without me, **He is un-manifest**.
—The Mother

If you deny this evidence, no evidence will convince you, because you are determined to **think otherwise**,
—Sri Aurobindo

All **philosophy** is concerned with is the relation between two things: the fundamental truth of **existence** and the forms in which existence presents itself to our **experience**.

In **space** no one can hear your **scream**. We are all in a space; better not scream.

If the initial conditions and the '**natural constants**' of our universe were not exactly what they are, there would be no one to observe it, much less to enquire into its origin.
—Weak Anthropic Cosmological principle

When **forward thinking strategy** is enabled by innovative technology, the business is equipped with a competitive edge.
—Accenture Strategy

The most **incomprehensible** fact about the Nature is that it is comprehensible.
—Albert Einstein

The **Universe** in some sense must have known that we are coming. —Freeman Dyson (a physicist)

It is incontrovertible that the **observer** is a participant in genesis.
—John Wheeler (A physicist)

I hope, you can accept **Nature** as she is— absurd.
—Richard Feynman

Nobody **remembers** the very **moment** he or she falls asleep. —(A quantum leap in our consciousness)

Our **observorship** brings the Universe into being.
—John Wheeler

Through the **human being**, the Universe is making a mirror to observe itself. —Bohme & Hilly

The eye in which I see **God** is the same eye in which God sees me.
—Meister Eckhart

A measure of existential **uncertainty** is the price of intellectual maturity.

Consciousness can heal. The mind seeks peace. We need only provide avenue.

Secret of success is constancy of purpose.
—Benjamin Disraeli

If there was **God**, there won't be cruelty to animals and children.

All **knowledge serves** power and is dangerous.
—Michel Foucault, French Philosopher

If you **pay** peanuts you get monkeys.
—James Goldsmith

Do **intelligent work**. Do not over-estimate the threat. Do not over-react. Do not panic. The threat, the destructive activity are bound to fizzle out. Osama bin Laden is there, but not everywhere. The Maoists are there, may be everywhere; but they are not original. Prachanda allowed himself to be tamed. Veerappan is dead. Pirbhakaran was aging. Their people have each **one life to live**.

A **company** is created for the perpetuity of its existence.
—B Ramesh Kumar

Tears may be **intellectual** or sentimental, but they can never be **political**. They save no man being short, no child being abused, no woman being raped. —Saul Bellow

After 60 years of **independence** India has no autonomous intellectual life. —V S Naipaul

Do I **contradict** myself? Very well, then I do contradict .I am large, I contain multitudes. —Walt Whitman

Judgments are serious business. As a judge, you have to exercise the x-factor,— the same inexplicable quality that distinguishes mere education from intelligence.

Nothing can be **proved**, unless it is investigated. Nothing can be investigated, unless it is proved against **justice**.

Change is the only unchanging **constant** in the world.
—Karl Marx

Alcohol is the anaesthesia by which we endure the operation of life.
—G B Shaw

What is a **kiss**? A shift, off course! Everything capsizes.
—Andre Breton

At the end, the only way to deal with **tragedy** is to laugh at it.

Every moment of life is a **celebration**.

You are attracted to people who are attracted to you and that shows that **attractiveness** is not just physical beauty.

If you **smile** at people and maintain eye-contact it makes you more **attractive**.

Quickly bring me a beaker of **wine**, so that I may wet my mind and say something clever.
—Aristophanes

Whom the **God** wishes to destroy He first makes him mad. —A Greek Dramatist

But what counts most for companies is the ability to generate cold, **hard cash**. —Mark Zuckerberg

A **smile** increases your face-value.

The ultimate root of **comedy** is a man in trouble.
—Jerry Lewis

With **I T revolution** a country is expanding for its poor person and shrinking for its rich ones. —Peter Gould

The trouble with **opinionated** people is that they do not listen. —Paul Theroux

Right is **wrong** and wrong is right, if you dig enough.

All **growth** is a leap in the dark, a spontaneous, unpremeditated act without benefit of experience.
—Henry Miller

Don't look down upon someone, unless you are **helping** him up.

One uses **statistics** like a drunken man uses lamp-posts for support rather than for illumination.

When you **want** something, all the world conspires in helping you to achieve it.
—Coelho

It needs enormous **will power** to make your exit unless you are terminally ill or afflicted with unbearable pain.

Peace is possible only when ordinary people have a stake in the maintenance of peace.
—Vinayak Sen

The local **'Dada'** and local dog do not bark outside their territory.

The **travel book** is a bore; a bore writes it and bores read it.

The **Third Law of Thermodynamics** says that science can never achieve Absolute Zero, because, among other things, it would mean, a state of perfect orderliness! (Atomic Orderliness:: Atomic Cryosurgery)

A principle of **Quantum Mechanics** says, it is impossible to measure two properties of a quantum object at the same time with infinite precision.

The moment you recognize what is **beautiful** in this world, you stop being a slave.

If you taught every poor boy how to **paint**, that would be the end of the rich in India. —Arvind Adiga

Monetary policy is ineffective against depressions.
—Lord Maynard Keynes (in his General Theory)

If you wait for robins, **spring** will be over.
—William Godwin (1793)

Life is a fairy tale. If it's not happily ever after, it's happily even after. —Poonam Sareen (Speed)

All **government**, even the best, is an evil.
—William Godwin

Nature plants in men **instincts**, which forever condemns it to starvation, misery, penury and death.
—Thomas Robert Malthus (1800)

We are the ones, we have been waiting for. We are the **change that we seek**. —Barack Obama

I have an **opportunity** to do a lot of big things at once.

Love me at once and fast; **I may change**, you may too.

Success depends on the values e.g. hard work, honesty, courage, fair play, tolerance, curiosity, loyalty and patriotism.
—Barack Obama

Religion is the only heart in this heartless world.
—Karl Marx

When you **hesitate** in love, you know, something is wrong.

Our **system** suits only the rich and influential.

When the **dance is over**, better stop dancing.

Hold on to **your beliefs** and let the world come calling on your terms. —Sabyasachi Mukherjee

Compromise is the first step of corruption.
—V I Lenin

According to **Monotheism**, some rational being (=DEITY= GOD?) ordered the Universe with a set of perfect laws and 'constants'.

According to traditional **physics**, the Universe is governed by a **fixed set of laws** in the form of infinitely precise mathematical relationships imprinted on the Universe from its

birth.(How, Why?– none to reply.) The 'laws of physics (and chemistry and biology,— including intricate design of tissues and cells,) are 'cast' from everlasting to everlasting. Which means: although the physical world is affected by the 'fixed laws', but the laws are impervious to whatever happens in the Universe. (Why? What's the compulsion? Any theory?)

In the **non-living world**, there is a continuous tendency towards thermodynamic equilibrium; but in the **living organism**, there is structure and function, maintained by energy of transformation based on constant input and output of energy and matter.

I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and **shoot** somebody and I would not lose voters.
—Donald Trump (billionaire TV reality star, demagogue, Republican candidate for US Presidential Election, 2016)

Happy is the **Nation without History**.
—Baccaria (quoted by Abhijit Bhattacharya, while reviewing a book on Pakistan edited by Roger D L Long)

To have a **vision** is not sufficient. Your vision must be combined with venture. It is never enough to dream. The **dream must be acted upon**.

The happiest city on earth is **Copenhagen**. —(Denmark-Vikings-Hans Christian Anderson [1805-1875] The Ugly Duckling)

The **Muslims of India** are the only Indian people who can fitly be described as a Nation in the modern sense of the word.
—Mohammad **Iqbal**

Those who would give up essential **liberty**, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.
—Benjamin Franklin

Truth is not what we see in dreams but what keeps us awake. —APJ Abdul Kalam

When there is a rise of **economic activity**, as each pays the other, (like when two mothers baby-sit each other's kids) the net effect on the economy is questionable.
—Raghuram Rajan

A death of a man does not pain me as much as a **death of humanity**.
—Sarat Chandra Chatterjee (eminent Bengali Novelist)

Nature does not give the human mind **its laws**. It is the mind which gives its own laws to Nature, - its own laws in the form of its own necessary concepts which organize all sensory materials. "Mind is the law-giver to Nature".
—Immanuel Kant

Man is a super-monkey, taking 'curiosity' as the guiding principle.

Almost in the beginning was **curiosity**.
—Isaac Asimov

We know quite a bit about thinking for our practical experience of **thinking**; then why should anyone think about what thinking is? —Robert Thomson (The Psychology of Thinking)

The story of human **civilization** is also the story of inventiveness. —Paragon

The **mind** is such that it deals only with **ideas**. It is not possible for the mind to relate to anything other than ideas. Mind does not ponder 'Reality'. It ponders the 'Idea' of 'Reality'.
—Gary Zhukov

A philosopher produces ideas, a poet writes poems, clergyman sermons, and a professor reads books and so on. A criminal produces crimes. The criminal also helps production of criminal laws; books on criminal laws are also written;... **Marx concludes** that every conceivable occupation can be productive!

Capital is dead labour which vampire-like lives only on sucking living labour.
—Karl Marx (in Das Kapital)

How come, I came or am brought into the world and **I was not even consulted**?

Reason is and ought to be the slave of passions and can never pretend to any other office than to serve and obey them.
—David Hume (1776)

Descartes is a terrible man to have your teacher. He loves you to say: Here is another one who will never get things straight, who is always going to be off the track.
—Francis Hals

Professional **Management** books may be full of jargons and hence uninviting,- but one needs formalized planning process.

The **Industrial Revolution** did not arrive overnight in the Continent but slowly spread all over, starting around 1750 in Great Britain setting the pace for Europe for the next Century, thanks to its agrarian industry and astounding number of creative inventions.

Till early 19th Century **Norway** (now number one in standard of living has ultra-efficient housing and dependence on renewable energy mostly, working with high tempo without compromising quality) had no industry, being engaged only in fishing and farming.

Brain's right side is responsible for talent and genius, **left side** intelligence, mathematics etc. For geniuses both sides work. So is the case with mad people also.

In 1954 Roger Banister broke the **4-Minuits-a- mile** barrier. Within 1 year 300 others did it.

Elegance is the Mantra.

Mathematics and **music** result in a tranquility that defies verbal description.

The **'Trickle Down'** theory is: Feed the horses with oatmeal, so that sparrows can feed on their dung.

Those who are worried about **reaction** do not take any action. —Sam Pitroda

Language is a man's dynamo of his thinking power.

Goldbach's Conjecture is that any even number greater than 2 would be a sum of 2 prime numbers. It appears Ramanujan solved it; but the proof is lost.

If **mathematics** is **created by man**, then how come, the Universe obeys the laws of mathematics?

It is odd: Usually when things **work technologically** they **survive**, but in case of Concorde (Anglo-French Transatlantic taxi), though technologically sound, did not survive and that is sad.

You have got to jump off cliffs all the time and **build your wings** on the way down. —Ray Bradbury

Colour is in the mind.

Colour is a neutral response triggered in our eyes. Categorizing colours is affected by our very acquisition of knowledge.

The **management** is all about making better decisions in the face of considerable ambiguity.

And **management** is all about people— making people of diverse backgrounds work together to contribute effectively towards a common goal.

Parliamentary democracy is the worst political system known to man— except for all the others. —Winston Churchill

After years of marriage **women** barely 'see' their spouses' faces; but this is not how it works for **men**. —Shova Dé

May be, all one can do, is hope to end up with the **right regrets**. —Arthur Miller

Nobody dies while exercising; people die because they do not. —Asish Roy (marathoner)

You do not stop **laughing** because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

Only the wisest and the stupidest of men **never change**;- the former as they are right and the latter as they are stupid.
—Confucius

We know nothing about **motivation**. All we can do is to write books about it. —Peter F Drucker

Aim at the **high** things, but not presumptuously.
—Michael Faraday

Endeavour to **succeed**, but expect not to succeed.
—Michael Faraday

Absolute, true, mathematical , **time**, of itself and by its own nature, flows uniformly on, without regard to anything external. —Sir Isaac Newton

Man developed **brains** when they failed in everything else.

The line between the **sublime and the ridiculous** is precariously thin.

The shortest distance between two points is not a straight line— it's a **middle man**.

Whatever **women do**, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good.
—Geraldine Daniels (Black Congress woman of USA)

Knowledge is power and permits the wise sovereign and the benevolent general to attack without risk, conquer without bloodshed and accomplish deeds surpassing all others.
—Sun Tzu

We are dedicated to helping people to solve their problems. That is why we are in **business**.

When you **look at the world** in a narrow way, in a mean way, in a selfish way,— how narrow, mean, selfish—it seems; but when you look at it in a broad, generous and friendly spirit, what wonderful you find it! —Horace Rutledge

There is no **limit to what a man can do** only if he does not care who gets the credit.

It is the **heart** which perceives **God** and not the reason.
—Blaise Pascal

Hospitality consists of a little fire, a little food and an immense quiet. —RW Emerson

A **quartz** crystal oscillates 32768 times a second when elec. Current passes thru. It.

Money is the fringe benefit of a job you like.

Pay no attention to what **critics** say. A statue is yet to be built which has no critic.

When you are really **keen** on something, it sets the adrenaline going.

Communism is a disease which stops one from thinking.

Sorrow can take care of itself; but to get the true benefit of joy you must share it. —Mark Twain

In **poetry** whatever is personal is pure.
—Buddhadeb Bose

Any group of 10 **economists** will produce 11 different opinions of the views on any issue.
—A well-known cliché about economics

The modernist **belief in faith** refuses to die in spite of the skepticism of the rational mind. The post-modern strand is made up of attempts to plumb the details through role playing.
—Anusuya Mukherjee (reviewing 'Death by Water')

The universality of **justice** is justice.

The **young** are lazy and preoccupied with themselves and will surely cause the downfall of the world as we know it.
—(Written on a tomb of a Pharaoh)

When I was 16, I thought my **parents** knew nothing; when I was 21, I was shocked to discover how much they have picked up in the last few years. —Winston Churchill

We should **die** young,— as late as possible.

Laughter, along with a course of positive visualization, helps.

In the age of **medical marvels**, reality, it seems, can hardly keep pace with imagination.

God is a no-thing.
—(Zen)

Empty **space** is not empty at all; it is a seething cauldron of frenzied quantum activity.

People take their time to accept the **inevitable**; they can never be force-fed the logic of reason or history.

3500 BC, **potter's wheel** was in Central Asia, from where it came to Egypt, Crete, China, Greece and Rome.

The risk in **life** lies in not taking risks.

Ordinary **people** can do extraordinary things.

Memory is a cursed catastrophe,— it haunts you when it fails and it haunts you when it refuses to die.

A **fine dining** is with not the what's, but with the how's.

Religions promise roses, but one ends up with only thorns. —U G Krishnamurti

There is no bad business; it's only bad **management**.

Beggars don't beg for the thrill of it, but because they have **no choice**.

There is no such thing as good **weather**, only different kinds of good weather.
—John Ruskin

History will be kind to me, for I intend to write it.
—Winston Churchill

Whether you believe you can or believe you can't, **you are right**.

The role of infinitely **small** is infinitely large.
—Louis Pasteur

History tragically is never on the side of those who resist the cruel logic.

Today, where **literature** was movies are; art is now sight and sound.
—Gore Vidal

Princes and prostitutes do exactly as they like and to hell with what others think.

God gives every bird its **food**, but does not put in its mouth.

To **succeed**, you must have tremendous perseverance and tremendous will. 'I will drink the ocean', says the persevering soul. At my will, the 'mountain will crumble up'. Work hard, thinking only of the goal and the goal you will achieve.
—Swami Vivekananda

Time and place of **work and action** may with pains be wrought; But genius must be born, never be taught

Indian Capitalism is characterized by an extended reproduction of caste prejudice. —Karl Marx

Bourgeois ideology propagates that the underlying success of individuals is greater than inherent ability.

All **autobiographies** are lies. —G B Shaw

1st digital programmable **robot** was invented in 1954 by George Devol.

A ship does not sail with **yesterday's** winds.

When one is **young** one does not think of gold but of the light in a maiden's eyes. If one had **wit** one might have both.

Fortunately or unfortunately there is **nothing in our life** that does not end sooner or later.

I liked to be **free to read** what I pleased and not to be examined at all. —R K Narayan

Managers have to absorb information quickly and decide under fire.

Men are foolish and **women** are fools.

One **test** is better than a thousand opinions.

The only **purpose** of flowers is to attract the insects for pollination.

Burgeoning new field of **computer** and graphics has only one limit: human imagination.

One of the great **achievements** of the nineteenth century was the 'invention of invention'.

The essence of any **decision** is uncertainty.
—Peter Drucker

If you **build** a better mouse-trap the world will build a path to your door.

Anything **too clever** whether in design or execution is almost bound to fail.

It is because one can be **frivolous** that the majority do not hang themselves.

When we **sleep** we trawl forbidden seas, arranging and being arranged by the flotsam and jetsam of our waking lives. As our nets descend through the various stages of sleep, our Sovereign Reason or Will usually remain quietly on the deck, but if by chance it descends with the nets then, like the tail wagging the dog, it adopts and propagates a life of its own , which may be full of danger.

Patriarchy and bigotry; these have been the between pillars of religious majoritarianism everywhere, and at all times. India is no exception.
—Ram Chandra Guha

I am still unable to realize what **modern physics** is up to, there is a gap yet to bridge between the ideology and the phraseology of normal intelligent people.
—H G Wells

The whole **human memory** can be and probably in a short time will be, made accessible to every individual.
—H G Wells in 1938 (what an anticipation of internet, googles and Wikipedia!?)

Science seems always to advance, while **philosophy** seems always to lose ground.
—Will Durant, Historian of Philosophy

Marx was an uninventive man with, I think, a subconscious knowledge of his own uninventiveness.
—H G Wells

Where is the **wisdom** we have lost in **knowledge**, And where is the knowledge we have lost in **information**?
—T S Elliot

The social responsibility of **business** is to turn a social problem into economic opportunity, into well-paid jobs, and into wealth. —Peter Drucker

Applause is the beginning of abuse. —A Japanese proverb

Rising income levels for wage-earning families do not materially increase the saving rate. In a modern economy the main source of capital formation is business profits. Profit is NOT a dirty word.

Shall we be more technical? **Science** is analytical description, **philosophy** is synthetic interpretation. —H G Wells

Science tells us **how to heal and how to kill**; it reduces the death rate in retail and kills us wholesale, as in war!

Love is an act of **faith**, and whoever is of a little faith is also of a little love.
—Erich Fromm

At 18, our **convictions** are hills from which we look; at 45, they are caves in which we hide. —F Scott Fitzgerald

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.
—Carl Hermann

Poetry is an essential part of human life; it is the memory of a country, of a language; without poetry people could not even talk well. —Octavio Paz

The only thing necessary for the **triumph** of evil is for good men to do nothing.
—Edmund Burke

Even the most superficial study of **history** is sufficient to show that nations have never attained eminence by **brooding over their sorrows** or by **uselessly reliving the glory of their past**. —Lalitha Jayaraman

The evil, the dishonest, the clever and the **smart ones** only **rule**, as **the good ones do only grumble or do nothing**.

My wife and I have one son and one daughter; she is my wife's liability but my asset and he is my liability but my wife's ever potential asset; oh **women**, sweet though you are, no wonder that only God who designed you ,understands **your logic**!

The difference between **ordinary** men and **great** men is that the latter know; but the former refuses to know and by the time they make up their mind to know, it is time for them to die.

Journalists have vested interest in gloom and doom.

Census(2015) data on **India's youth unemployment**: 24% Indians (20-24 years of age) are unemployed, while India's GDP is Dollars 2.1 trillion,— among world's top 10 Countries!

Italy had **Renaissance**, Germany had **Reformation**, France had **Voltaire**, who was for his country Renaissance, Reformation and half the Revolution.

Life is short, but **truth** works far and lives long; let us speak the truth. —Schopenhauer

Where others have said that **Will** is a form of Force, let us say that Force is a form of Will. —Schopenhauer

Science and so-called **civilization** connive to advance from one procession of cadavers to another procession of cadavers.

The **animals** of one country represent the name of a sacred faith. —Jim Corbett

Sometimes **poetry** grows in the garbage cans in alleyways, from a face twisted by life. —A K Ramanujan

Elegance and **attitude** are the Mantra.

Assessment is a necessary accompaniment to any constructive activity.

Our **brain's** nerve-cells have infinite power to learn; they must be used or they will diminish or perish.

Conspicuous **leisure and consumption**:— in the first case it is waste of time and efforts and in the second case it is waste of goods. —Thorsten Webs

Reproduction is the ultimate purpose of every organism, and its strongest instinct; for so only can the will conquer death. —Schopenhauer

For only he who is enough of a **man** will save the **woman** in woman. —H Ibsen

Feeling **guilty** or not feeling guilty – I think, that's the issue. —Milan Kundera

They lie, who want to disguise life with the crazy mask of **literature**. —Camilo Lose Cela

To what purpose then are the **machines**, if all individuals are only of use in maintaining them? —F Nietzsche

I thank God that I am **not so young** in so thoroughly finished world.
—Goethe

Australia was discovered in 1788 (18th January) by Captain Arthur Philip and thereafter to spread 'civilization' in Australia, 50 Aboriginal Tribes like Aranda, Yulamla, Zargia, Oares, Oaramonga, Manjiomeri etc. were totally annihilated by cruelest of means, and the originally-existing social structure of the great **Tribal** Societies and their heritage of Art, the Dance, Mythology and Literature were wiped out.

A Minute's **success** pays for the failure of years.
—Robert Browning

This thing that we call **failure** is not falling down, but the staying down.
—Mary Pickford

Money just started coming in to the **Britain** from Colonies, but the people of Britain had no class. —(Vanity Fair)

Leonardo da Vinci— in 1600's— sketched airplanes, helicopter, tank, parachute, bicycle, steam engine, driving belt, dredger, life jacket, plastic and car.

It needs **brain** to be a perfect fool.

Mental decline is not inevitable with **ageing**. The brain continually rewires and adapts itself— even in old age.

Speech is finite and runs a-ground in the infinity of non-speech and silence, stretching away from it.

Children in general are bright and eager, unless they have been stifled by lack of interaction or by fear.

Never **compromise** with values of life.// Think about winning always.// Learn from others' mistakes.// Never hope to get anything without giving.

The best lacks all **convictions**; while the worst is full of passionate intensity. —W B Yeats

It's the possibility of having a **dream** come true that makes life interesting.

It's the **simple** things in life that are most extraordinary.

Every one, when they are **young**, knows what their **destiny** is.

Teetotalers have few parties. Just tea and samosas dry up conversation.

Divorce, unemployment, severe ill-health, bereavements can't afford what you want;- **lose what you have**.

Without women, men are not human.

There is always a Lamarck before a Darwin in **science**.

There were certain things one should not ask about, so as not to flee from one's own **destiny**.

This is not a strange **situation**; it's only a new situation.

There is always a **beginner's** luck; because life wants you to achieve your destiny.

There was a **language** in the world that everyone understood. It is the language of enthusiasm, of things accomplished with love and purpose, and a part of a search for something believed in and desired.

A **decision** is only the beginning of things. When someone takes a decision, he is really diving into a strong current that will carry him to places, he had never dreamt of.

Intuition is really a sudden immersion of the soul into the universal current of life, where the histories of all people are

connected, and we are able to know everything, because it's all written there. —("Maktub")

People need not **fear the unknown** if they want to achieve what they need.

Once you get into the **desert**, there's **no going back**. And, when you can't go back, you have to only worry about the best way of moving forward. The rest is up to Allah, including the danger. —(Maktub)

When you **want something** with all your heart, that's when you are closest to the Soul of the World. It's always a positive force.
—Alchemists (Helvetius, Elias, Fulcaneli, Geber)

Life is a great party; because life is the moment we live right now.

A **lady** is a perfect diplomat. If she says, 'no', it means 'may be'. If she says 'may be', she means 'yes'. If she says 'yes', she is no lady.

A **woman** is like a tea-bag. You never know her strength until she is in hot water.

Please save your **guesswork**; I want your information, not pessimism.

The trouble with being **inspired to perform** the impossible is that inspiration gave you no clue to the practical means.

Don't appear too anxious to have your **ideas accepted**; just bring them out where they can be seen.

Not everything that is faced can be **changed**; but nothing can be changed until it is **faced**.

Make a rule of life **never to regret** and never to look back.

Regret is an appalling waste of energy; you can build nothing on it; it is only good for wallowing in.

Human beings are not perfectible; they are improvable.

Save your **probability**; give me your **opinion** that would work.

If I spent as much time doing the things I **worry** about getting done, as I just go on just doing them, I would not have anything to worry about.

If it takes lot of **words** to say what you have in mind, give it more thought.

We make a **living** by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

Courage, hard work, self-mastery and intelligent efforts are all essential to successful life.

Character can be moulded by **dress**,— not, exhibited.

It is good to get away; but it is better to **get home**.

At its best, **precision** is a painstaking, caring, patient and reasonable faculty of mind and ultimately it is creative too; for it not only looks up facts, it also discovers them in the first place.

Success is speedy for the energetic.

The God of hope fills you with joy and peace in **trusting**.

I do not see how **feeling uneasy** or sad can help to find what is lost, or repair what has been broken.
—The Mother

For the **work**, steadiness and regularity are as necessary as skill. Whatever you do, do it carefully. —The Mother

It is the darkest nights that prepare the greatest **dawns**.
—Sri Aurobindo

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

It is pain that **ages us**, not life.

Do not dwell much on the **defects of others**; it is not helpful. —Sri Aurobindo

Unmixed **delight** is for the free passionless soul.
—Sri Aurobindo

The **ego-bound** mind of man works in the twilight of ignorance. —Sri Aurobindo

Chances favour the mind that is prepared. —Louis Pasteur

When the **light** is there, the light itself will do the work.
—Sri Aurobindo

The **crucifixion** of ego must take place before the advent of super-mind.

'The logic of the **Infinite** is the magic of the finite'. 'When we have passed beyond all knowing, we have knowledge'.
—Sri Aurobindo

One who practices **Yoga** with a clear mind, who has controlled his physical needs and the senses and who believes himself equal to all other creatures, does not lose his equilibrium even while performing worldly duties.

Serve a **man in distress** and see God in his smiling face.

Life is a terrific balance between joy and disappointment.

It is strange that **logic** always sounds fanciful when applied in foresight.

If you are a **determined** person, you are bound to stick to a wrong decision and suffer. Are you prepared for the worst?

To get the most out of life, paddle softly. To cover more, stop paddling, get an outboard.

Beauty and folly often go together.

When the gold doth **rust**, what shall the iron do?
—G Chaucer

Never **trust** a man who speaks well of everybody.
—John Charlton Collins

London is a city where traffic never fails to stop at pedestrian crossings, where people make a religion out of waiting in queue and a voice raised in anger is considered the height of civic degeneration.

I have done more than a life-time; now I am living on **extra time**. —Abu Jihad

I am a **revolutionary** and as all revolutionaries live by hope ; I hope that my hope becomes a reality during my life-time. —Abu Jihad

Unless proved, all beliefs should be discarded.

The **state** is strong, when the masses know all and can judge about all.
—V I Lenin

Listening to another is one of the friendliest acts we can perform.

The **future** belongs to those who prepare for it.

He who will not **economize**, will have to agonize.
—Confucius

Friendship with none, enmity with no-one.
—(Dharti Pakad)

Miracles do happen, but more often than not, one has to work very hard for it.

The **economist** is a man who knows more about money than the men who have it and haven't it.

No two cases of **hospital** deaths are similar.

If I can open a new corner in a man's **heart**, I have not lived in vain.
—Kahlil Gibran

Abrasiveness may pay when people recognize you, but not when you are taken as another person.

Whatever is in my voice, **faith** has put it there.

The ultimate **leaders** develop followers who will surpass them.

History never repeats itself with positivity.

What is **desirable** must be made possible.

Left is **right** and right is wrong.

A **warrior** is never a loser.

Man is weak and supple when born, but callous and strong when he dies.

The only thing or the part that **matters** is the part that cannot be made.

Reality matures you; success or failure does not.

The greatest **hero** is he who makes his enemy his friend.

The **pain** of loss is diminished in time; but nothing resolves the loss.

Those who do, do of their **own will** and in their own way; unless tempted or directed otherwise.

It will take a decade of high investment-fuelled growth to **end poverty in India** once for all.

Not to discover the **Truth** independently with the help of Reason and Logic is a waste of life's opportunity.

I always cheer up immensely if an **attack** is particularly wounding... because... It means that they have not a single argument left. —Margaret Thatcher

Unless the employees had the **confidence** in what they were doing, there is no point in having a bigger vision.
—Vivek Paul (Ex Wipro)

Fiction is inadequate to make sense in the world.
—V S Naipaul

But with its billion people, there are **no thinkers in India**.
—V S Naipaul

I do not have bullet-proof **self-esteem**.
—Jennifer Weiner

U S economy will grow and dollar strong, so long as other countries continue to lend! If they stop lending U S economy will crash and other economies also will come to a dead stop!!

Things have to get worse to get **better**.

Excuse me while I kiss the **sky**. —Jimi Hendrix

China is now a manufacturing giant with **zero labour rights**. (2005)

The spiritual matrix of the **people** is predominantly tuned to beautiful lies rather than the bitter truth. —Yakovlev

It is not possible for the individual investor to make money on a sustainable basis by **timing the market**.

The **markets** could go anywhere or nowhere; what is needed is long-term regardless of what happens in the short term.

No one can **concentrate** with their eyes open.
—Deve Gowda

Fewer people are won over by the **written word** than by the spoken word. —A Hitler

And if you do not shake your **life**, you will never win life for yourself.
—F C S Schiller

The **strong** is strongest when alone. —A Hitler

The **majority** represents not only ignorance, but also cowardice. —A Hitler

If you want to **paint** a table, paint a chair.
—Picasso

Beauty is never skin-deep; it is as much within as without.

If peter be the **boss** today, why not Paul tomorrow?

Once **capitalism** had its foot in the door, **communism** was doomed.

Two quick ways to disaster is to take nobody's **advice** and to take everybody's advice.

I cannot understand how can anyone be **Indian and not be proud**.

We **work** for eight and **sleep** for eight hours; but what do we do with the third set of eight hours?

The hurt, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the young-in-need, the old-in-helplessness, the illiterates, the drug-abusers,— oh! What about them? **Are they not also our men?**

Doubts do not achieve. Skeptics do not contribute. Cynics do not create.

Is not a shared **belief** a strong tie than any other?

The **philosophy** of primitive people is more profound and uniform and rational than of modern men.

Man is just an experimental model that God forgot to recall.

0-5 Cry, laugh, play, and **stay alive**.../ 5-10 Play, laugh, cry, survive.../ 10-20 Learn and churn.../ 20-30 Formative.../ 30-40 Productive.../ 40-50 Controlling.../ 50 up Advising.../ 60 up Vanish.../ 70 up Stay put.../ 80 up Sit up.../ 90 up Lie low.../ 100 up Give up.

The human **brain** is a wonderful thing. It starts working as soon as you get up in the morning and automatically stops when you enter office.

Man has always wanted to **fly**, as flight was a kind of release from space and time.

Numbers interest me, because they can be both finite and infinite.

Hard-working people are always cheerful. They have no time to manufacture imaginary troubles, which are always worse than real ones. —Jim Corbett

All arts require **solitude** as its companion.

All **brilliant** people should cross each other's cycle, like some of the nicest planets.

Alike be your feeling./ Unified, your hearts./ Common, your intentions./ Perfect, your unity.
—**The Rig Veda**

A **man of 60 in science** does more harm than good.
—Rayleigh

Everything that **goes up** must come down,— but not always.

Success is a public affair; failure is a private funeral.

We are like **children** standing on the shoulders of a giant, for we can see all that the giant can see, and a little more.

I keep **six** honest men, (They taught me all I knew.)/ Their hands are What and When and How and Why and Where and Who. —Rudyard Kipling

A self-seeking **boss** seeks pliable administrators, for upright deputies are a hindrance in his system.

You cannot dance well with a deflated **ego**.

About the only thing that comes without effort is the **old age**.

Some are **born writers**, others take correspondence courses.

He who **laughs** last laughs best.

Money will buy a bed, but not sleep; books, but not brains; fineries, but not beauty; a house, but not a home; medicines, but not health; luxuries, but not culture; amusements, but not happiness; religion, but not salvation; a passport to everywhere, but Heaven.

Life is like a pack of cards: when you are in love, it's hearts; when you are engaged, it's diamonds; when you are married, it's clubs; when you are dead, it's spades.

If you **love** someone, please show it; it works.

Those, who really believe that they are exclusively **in the right**, are generally those, who achieve something.

Truth spoken before its time may not only be hurtful, but even unlawful.

For good or evil, your **conversation** is your advertisement; every time you open your mouth, you let men look into your mind.

The finest kind of **friendship** is between people, who expect a great deal of each other, but never ask it.

To keep your **secret** is wisdom; but to expect others to keep it is a folly.

You are never fully **dressed** until you wear a **smile**.

*Sabka Malik ek. {There is only single **Lord** of ALL.}*
—Kabir

If all else fail, **immortality** can always be assured by **spectacular error**.

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's **courage**.

It is on the whole better and more for the safety of the world, that we should depend upon **mediocrity**.

If **education** is to be a preparation for life, then it must produce the conviction that life is worth living.

When **God** created night, He also created insomnia.

I am able to love God, as He allows me the **freedom to deny Him.**

There are **no bad regiments**; only bad colonels.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

When one is **helping** another, both are strong.

All talents in the world will not excuse deliberate **rudeness.**

The **boss** has to be more catholic than the Pope.

The discipline of **writing** something down is the first step toward making it happen.

What are your **objectives** in the next ninety days? What are your plans? Your priorities? Your hopes? And how do you intend going about them?

Start by telling them what you are going to tell them, then tell them; finally tell them what you have already told them.
—Public Speaking Axiom

The reason they are **following you** is not because you are providing some mysterious leadership. It is because you are following them.

As an **executive**, his whole function is to motivate other people.

Remember, **medical profession** has been carried on by witch-doctors for a thousand years or more and even now in many parts of the globe. People never argue, when they are confronted by a trained man.

The **event** is the unit of things real.

She does not know what she is doing; **he** does not know what he should do.

The **economic** development or agricultural revolution or white revolution in **India**, is a game **of the few, by the few, for the few**.

You never know the exact **juncture** of time you fall asleep. You never know when exactly you cross the threshold between wakefulness and sleep, as also, between life and death.

Study anatomy like a medical student, have cool nerves of a great gambler, sixth sense of a clairvoyant and the courage of a lion, to have the ghost of a chance in the **share market**.

Fear made man ready to believe the worst.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Today's graffiti is tomorrow's **cave paintings**.

If you can tell the difference between good **advice** and bad, then you do not need advice.

Education begins the **gentleman**, but reading, good company and reflection must finish him. —John Locke

Complete freedom from **stress** is death.

A **woman** should be sexy but not sexual; should have children but remain child-like, should be assertive but not aggressive; should hold a job but not neglect home.

Every **man** is a single at heart.

A little **knowledge** is a sexy thing.

Friends made in the country are charming only in the country; friends made in the train are charming in the train only; likewise in a bar, or in a town, or even, for that matter, at home too. Never be **too familiar**.

We all **sing** from the same sheet of paper, - but there are **several verses**.

It is said, **money** solves all the problems; but the amount of money needed to solve any problem is also to be **earned** anyway.

Nothing comes **free** in life; there is no free lunch.

It takes so little to be **happy**.

When the **impossible** is eliminated, which remains, however impossible, must be the truth.

It is often faster to fight for **principles** than to live up to them.

It is so much **easier to live placidly** and complacently; of course, to live placidly and complacently is not to live at all. —Jack London

You will be doing **foolish** things; but do them with enthusiasm.

How crooked, dark, narrow, impassable and misleading have been the paths followed by mankind in its striving after the **eternal truth**! And what is that truth?

God never changes the condition of a people unless they change it themselves. —The Quran

From **egoless-ness**, comes fearless-ness.

We require a **positive** attitude and still mind to experience happiness.

The only thing to overcome is the **ego**.

The **ego** is very deceptive— it has made soldiers and butchers and hangmen proud of their profession.

Ego and anger are the fastest friends and the worst intoxicants.

Non-vegetarians have the same feelings for others, as they have for the creatures they eat.

Non-vegetarians are criminals who are allowed to roam freely in our society, even though every nonvegetarian is a potential murderer.

He who is **cruel** to one, cannot be truly loving and sympathetic to another.

Be kind to those who are not, for they need **kindness** the most.

Even if we lend a holy **book**, it may not be returned.

There are no **shortcuts**,— only better ways.

Those who have **tension**,— laugh.

The word '**can't**' is seldom uttered by those who want to **achieve** something.

Every **human being** has a story to tell.

We require **intelligence** to make, but— wisdom for spending it.

Misers invariably make costly mistakes.

Most **medicines** are mere palliatives.

It takes 28 facial muscles to frown and 6 or 8 to **smile**.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.

The only function of economic **forecasting** is to make astrology look respectable.

When **marriage** works, nothing on earth can take its place.

Left to themselves, **economic** forces do not work out for the best except perhaps for the powerful.

Main malikapni kismatka// Main banda apni himmatka// (I am the lord of my own **Destiny**// I am a slave of my own **Courage**)

Understanding is dangerous, because then you will surely be misunderstood.

A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner and outer life depended on the **labours** of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received. —Albert Einstein

Authorities everywhere employ similar means to maintain the status quo, e.g. denying the under-privileged groups i.e. margins, to a better standard of living.

If **life ends** at 40, what is it that ends at 39?

He is a **wise man** who wastes no time and energy on pursuits for which he is not fitted; and he is still wiser who, from among things he can do well, chooses and resolutely follows the best.

If you deny the **past**, the present becomes as restricted as a cellar.

Murphy's Law: If anything can **go wrong**,— it will.

To know is science; merely to believe one knows is **ignorance**.

We arrive upon this earth **all alone**; we depart alone; this interval called 'life' is meant to share.

A **dying man** needs to die, as a sleepy man needs to sleep; and there comes a time when it is wrong, as well as useless, to resist.

What's new is not **true**; what's true is not new.

Have you ever seen a **Saint** with a watch?

India is a **land of enormous diversity**. Cross-cultural influences are everywhere in evidence, in the food people eat, the clothes they wear, and in the places they worship. This was ever the case, and at no times more so than in the India that existed much earlier than 1200 to 1750 AD, i.e. before the European intervention or even much before 900 AD i.e. the time of advent of Mohammedans.

—Catherine B Ash & Cynthia Talbot

How can anyone ensure an entire week of **good news** in India? —Sanjoy Baru

There's no short-cut to **change**. —Kalki

There is no place for pure feelings and sentiments in party-based **politics**.

—Bonophul (a renowned Bengali novelist) (translated)

Princesses and prostitutes do exactly as they like and to hell with what others think.

I do not believe that any amount of **market-research** could have told us that the Sony walkman would be successful.

—Akio Morata

Oh, no, that is where the mistake is. You see, in 10 years what you now call **high technology** will be in use in the hands of customers.

—Morata

The problem is that we don't know what we want for our **students**.

—Jerry Pinto

If there was no distance, there was no **time**.

—Sir Isaac Newton

Nothing lasts; life goes on. Ahalya said in "Strangers to Ourselves". —Shashi Tharoor

A **number** is actually a way of thinking, an idea that enables to compare very different sets of objects; it can actually be called an idea behind the act of counting.
—Shakuntala Devi

Those who **speak**, they hardly do so to let you know.

Hit the odd ball hard; that's all to it.

Thy hand, great Anarch, let the curtain fall// And universal darkness buries all. —Pope's Dunciad

Rimbaud stopped writing poetry at 19, Keats died at 26, Jesus Christ was crucified at 33, Jack Kennedy was shot at 46, Vivekananda and Michael Madhusudan died at 39, Adi Shankaracharya died at 32, and Srinivasa Ramanujam also died at 32. I am 29. **What am I capable of doing**?— We and I—? —Sashti Brata (with additions)

A **writer** is someone who writes, not someone who has written or going to write. —(a Third Realm Blog)

...because I was confronting the **economists**, who believe that Capitalism can be wisely managed to tackle the problem of poverty! —Samarjit Ghosh

India is a one-eyed king in the land of the blind.
—Raghuram Rajan (in New York)

Universality has its place in the **physical sciences**, but rarely in social sciences.

History, tragically, is never on the side of those who resist the cruel logic.

Truth on any one issue lies roughly half-way between the two extremes.

When He will arrive, I shall then perform all sacred duties with **my own body**. My body will be the altar and with my long tresses of hair, will I sweep- clean it. The long - jewel-strings on my breast will act as decoration and my twin swelled breasts will be the holy pot. —Kirtan Padabali

Whatever I may be to others, I must **descend from my heights** here at least and shed my Mahatma ship.
—Mahatma Gandhi to Dwijendra Nath Tagore (highly talented &philosopher– elder brother of Rabindra Nath Tagore)

Whether you believe **you can** or believe you can't, you are probably right; it's your choice.

Men can never understand **women's logic**. Women don't have to understand any logic.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Justice hurried is justice buried. All, true; but justice is occasionally just, and rarely in time.

Men think; but women do.

To live without **faith** is impossible. If Nature has horror of vacuum, the human soul has fear of emptiness.
—Dr. S Radhakrishnan

Nothing **happens** until something happens.

It's **beautiful** over there.
—(Last words of) Thomas Alva Edison

Bhaskara's work on **Calculus** predates Newton and Leibnitz by over half a millennium.
—Hermann Henkel

Cyclic method of **Bhaskara** is beyond all praise. It is certainly the finest thing achieved in the Theory of Numbers before language.
—Hermann Henkel

Space manifests first; then comes Time; Events come in succession. Space, Time and Causality are the three categories through which Mind thinks. —Swami Sivananda

Nothing happens until someone **sells** something.
—John Fenton (Management Consultant)

The 80/20 Law says that you will spend 80% of your resources on things which achieve 20% of your job. (a Manager's job) —John Felton

The only... (things?) were needed for the **formation of oil**–rock, and incredibly abundant plants and primitive living organisms that teemed in the rivers, lakes and seas and a time period of perhaps a billion years. That's Fossil fuel oil!
—Alistair Maclean

Everything should be made as **simple** as possible,- and no simpler. —Albert Einstein

Many of the **judgments** are ego-trips, erecting your prejudices as principles. —M N Venkatchaliah (Supreme Court Judge)

Any **culture** can grasp only a part of human existence

I will not kill a **human** being for a cow, as I will not kill a cow for a human being.

The **hero** is always a hero by mistake; he dreams of being an honest coward like anybody else.
—Umberto Eco

Contradiction is a reality, a part of life. —Karl Marx

Gods contradict. Marx contradicted himself on religion. Dialectics is based on contradicting and self-criticism.
—(Marxism)

Indian Government is good at handling major **crises**, but fail in **managing** planned projects. —S L Rao

Enterprises **succeed**, because they have a common vision and a plan for future.

The 3rd Law of Thermo-dynamics says that science can never achieve absolute zero, because, among other things, it would then mean a state of perfect orderliness- atomic orderliness,— a contradiction of 2nd Law.

The modern belief of **faith** refuses to die in spite of the skepticism of the rational mind. The post-modern stand is made up of attempts to plumb the depths of inner lives through role-playing. —Ananya Mukherjee (reviewing 'Deaths by Water' by Kenjaburo Oe)

Those who are **at the bottom of the pit**, should never take the help of ladders to come up; Instead, build the tunnel to come out. The survival rate is the least in both the cases.
—Baba Ambedkar

These **labourers**, who must themselves sell piecemeal, are a commodity, like any other articles of commerce, and are consequently exposed to all the vagaries of necessitudes of competition, to all fluctuations of the market. —Karl Marx

Science is not only an individual's search for truth, but rather something that could be infinitely more than that if it worked for the community. —Shashi Tharoor

Now a days, the **modern men** are troubled more with the conflicts that rage within than what rage outside.
—Shane Afifi Siddiqi

We have a **limit**, a very discouraging, humiliating limit: death. —Umberto Eco

Try to be a **rainbow** in someone else's cloud.
—Maya Angelou

Many people would say that comparing **Newton with Einstein** is like comparing apples with oranges; but what

really matters is that people appreciates that both the physicists achieved and that their impact on the world stretched far beyond the laboratories and equations. —Lord Peter May

Newton in the 17th century (after **Copernicus** and **Galileo**) had to fight against the then-prevailing Middle age superstitions and back-dated dogmas and brought light on scientific methodology and laid fundamental foundation on Gravity, Laws of motion and Light and Calculus as a branch mathematics. **Einstein** in 20th century revolutionized physics with the Theory of Relativity,— based on the above solid foundation of science. Again **Max Planck** invented the Atomic Theory, Photon Theory and Laser Theory through Quantum Physics.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Trekkers don't always climb a mountain because it's there. Sometimes arduous journeys you embark upon just to harvest ideas. —Vishnupriya Sengupta (Gunter Grass)

If you don't like something, **change** it; if you cannot change it, change your **attitude**.
—Maya Angelou

A **Messiah** is one who leaves a mess behind him.

When someone shows you who they are, **believe** them the 1st time. —Maya Angelou

History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be un-lived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. —Maya Angelou

Majma al Bahrain. (The **mingling** of two oceans) (Hindus & Mohammedans) —Dara Sikoh

I don't believe in **God**; but I don't mind **His existence**, as, then, He must be managing the constancy of the **universal**

Constants, without which there really would be just nothing,— no matter, no energy, no you, no me; if all are evolved,— evolved— out of what?

I disapprove of what you say; but I will **defend** to death your right to say it. —Voltaire

'It is the **purpose** of an **organization** to make common man do uncommon things'. —Lord Beveridge

No **organization** can depend on **genius**; the supply is always scarce and always unpredictable.

Employment without investment is the root cause of industrial sickness.

Speak the **truth**, but without offence; should this be too disagreeable, be silent, but tell no pleasant lies. —Manu

Wise men talk, because they have something to say. Fools talk, because they have to say something. —Plato

The best way to make your dream come true is to **wake up**.

The most manifest sign of **wisdom** is continued cheerfulness. —Montaigne

What in diffusion is darkness, is in concentration, **light**. When more intensified, it becomes **fire**. Togetherness or solidarity is life. Disintegration, diffusion is death. If we are **together**, then energy, life, form and individual all come alive.

Nothing makes me more pessimistic than the obligation not to be **pessimistic**. I feel that every message of despair is the statement of a situation from which everybody must freely try to find a way out.

Luck is the residue of diligence. The harder I practice, the luck is what I get.

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks forward

More people are flattered into **virtue** than are bullied out of vice.

Time is a versatile **performer**. It flies, marches on, hangs on, heals all wonders, runs out and will tell.

A **pessimist** is one who would complain about noise if opportunity knocked.

Women are trustworthy and truthful; but do not expect them to be faithful and not to lie.

'To get rich is glorious'– so declared, Deng Xiaoping, when he opened China's door to Capitalism. The secret wealth (as reported in 'Panama papers', March 2016) of the top Chinese leaders... Is the result. (2016)

Nothing can be **enforced**. Only people have to be forced.

India is a land of **religions**; and religion means mass festivals and mass pilgrimages. We should have perfected mass management and mass safety architecture by now.

For a good battle to be fought, there must be some **woman** to give it power.

If men knew how women pass their time when they are alone, they would never **marry**.

One wants to tell a story– in order **not to die**. It's one of the oldest urges of the mankind. It's a way of stalling death.
—Fluentes

The negotiation between the **State and people** shows that the Emperor survives in the minds of the power elite. —Uddalak M

The more the teachers are class-conscious, the more the students are **Marxist**. (Mark-ist)

The teachers, who do not give enough (**pass-**) **marks**, are capitalist, re-actionary and cruel.

Free-thinkers, atheists and activists are an endangered species all over the world. —The Telegraph

Humans are denied the understanding of the **speech of animals**; the only common ground of communication which dogs and men can share is in fiction.

Why do people eat? Because food tastes good and eating feels good simultaneously. Because, it was time to eat. Because nice dinner is served on the table.— Never because one is hungry.

The history of **weight-loss** treatment is one of nearly un-remitting failure.

There is no argument that children have more **self-control** than adults.

We are angry, because we are not hungry; but we can sustain both **anger** and **hunger**.

It is a new fad,— people want to **publish their stories**, their passions; they want to show the story of their struggles and successes.
—Sanjoy Sethi (a publisher)

Publishers sit in judgment on all contents. They have not allowed active and innovative ways of people writing their books. —Sanjoy Sethi

Who invented **E-mail**? It was V A Shiva Ayyadurai PHD (MIT) (brain behind E-cho mail) in 1978, though he is not officially credited for it. (Noam Chomsky agrees, Ayyadurai invented it.) But officially it is Raymond Tomlinson! "If I were a white guy, and had copy-righted it, and called it E-mail and had all the documentation, (as I do) I would be on every stamp in the world." —V A Ayyadurai

The line between **sublime** and the ridiculous is precariously thin.

Aim at **high** things; but not presumptuously.
—Michael Faraday

Success: 1. Don't commit if you can't keep it. 2. One individual can't build anything; so motivate people. 3. Opportunity never waits for anyone; so grab it quickly. 4. Look after your family.

Majoritarian **Hindu Society** is nothing but a sliding scale of permanent minorities. No wonder its culture is passive-aggressive and neurotically fastidious. "Gang-psychology" makes the culture (of Hindu social groups) sterile, their art, showy, their wealth luminous and their manners fastidious.
—Baba Ambedkar

In India, a novel way of thinking will create a **new caste** for the old ones will not tolerate it. The noxious thinker, respectfully called Guru, suffers the same fate as sinners in illegitimate love... The penalty are excommunication and the result is a new caste. —B R Ambedkar (The Columbia Presentation)

If **democracy**, as we know it, is to survive, the elites have to regain their credibility. And they have to start by admitting that their economic model has failed. —Abhijit Banerjee

Sociologists, historians, anthropologists and politicians agree that **communal riots** are often set off by rumours and innuendos. —R C Guha

It is better to take any **action**— right or wrong— than to worry... stew internally; action is positive; inaction is negative.

When you are young, you are **too young** to see how old-fashioned you look to others.

Three things are required to take **decisions**: Desire, ability and authority.

Necessities know no **magic formula**— they are all left to chance.

School students should be trained for political leadership (*sans* party politics). Students must be the cleansers and doers of tomorrow and bring about a revolution whereby politics and politicians will no longer be dirty words. —Debi Kar

It is futile and depressing arguing on topics or principles, with **someone with fixed ideas**. They will never listen to what you say or what arguments you put forward. They have no mind-space and intelligence to consider anything other than what they believe. They never keep their mind's windows open. Their counter-arguments garnished with ample one-sided statistics is difficult to penetrate.

There is a natural **opposition** among all men to anything that they have not thought of themselves.

Nearly 2/3 of world's population of 7.125 billion people face severe **fresh water scarcity** (2016).
—The Outlook

Time, place of action may with pains be wrought. But **genius** must be born, never be taught.

It is a **woman**, I understand: Men are men.
—Jack London

Life is full of second **chances**— if you have the ability to recognize them and the courage to act.

Never tell people **how to do** things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise with their integrity.

All anybody needs to know about **prizes**, is that Mozart never won one.

Fate bows to him, who defies it.

There must be something **bad in all that is good** in this world, and the bad always preponderates over the good, or vice versa.

The water **flows down**. It never comes back; our time of life can never retain it.

The effect of shielding men from the **consequences** of their folly is to fill the world with fools.

If in a **soup** you have landed, why not learn to swim—?

A **woman** is nature's most agreeable mistake

Before 40, loyalty is its own **reward**. After 40, it pays off.

This side of heaven,— nothing lasts forever, not even **success**.

There are two ways to go in life: You can pursue money or you can serve humanity; the two don't go hand in hand. Still the third way could be to make your **family** happy.

Half the people miss the fruit for lack of **energy** in shaking the tree; which other half **sacrifice** next season's crop by shaking so hard that they topple the tree.

There is always room for **improvement**. It is the biggest room in the house.

Almost no one is foolish enough to imagine that he automatically deserves great **success** in any field of activity; yet almost everyone believes that he automatically deserves **success in marriage**.

It is impossible to say where the **lie ends and truth begins**.

One probably just has to live with the uncomfortable fact that **seeing** or **reading** is believing.

Look for a person's **assets**, not liabilities.

Good girls may go to Heaven; **bad** girls can go anywhere.
The **Bengalee** is a traitor to its own genius.

I am the enemy you killed, **my friend**.

There is **enough** for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's **greed.** —Mahatma Gandhi

Too much **agreement** kills a chat.

Adhocism is the last refuge of the **timid**.

I have given my youth and beauty to **men**; I give my wisdom and experience to **animals**. —Brigitte Bardot

I enjoy being my own **publicist**.

If I have to fail, it has to be a famous **failure**.

Unke bajase hum hai, nehi to hum kuch bhi nehi. I am,.. because, they are; **without them, I am nothing**.
—A very young industrialist (a Marwaree), about his technique of managing a large business, that he was suddenly saddled with, due to his parents' death in an unfortunate accident.

The heart of India's problems is the **heartlessness** of her **educated** class.

It is strange that **logic** always sounds fanciful, when applied in foresight.

You get places by having the **right enemies**.

If **life begins** at 40, then what is it that ends at 39?

Thinking about somebody does not mean doing his thinking for him.

If you want to **lead** the way, make sure of just one thing— that the others are following.

Managers are people who do things right. Leaders are people who do the right things.

Comes the **moment**, comes the man. As revolution created Lenin, a World-war created Churchill;— not the other way round.

We would better **eat** him for lunch before he eats us for dinner.

It is no shame in getting **dirty**; only don't stay dirty.

Circumstances can collaborate to break the best of us; but when circumstances do break us, it only makes us human.

Mothers have always taken up the responsibility in families, and in desperate times, when everybody else gave up, they pulled the load alone.

While **children** are still young, give them deep roots; when they grow older, give them wings.

The only difference between me and **mad** man is that I am not mad.

Most men are born to **die**. Some are immortal.

If you want to go **forward**, you will have to bend backward.

Only two things are certain about losing **business**; it is never a straight forward affair, and the public reasons given usually hide a fascinating and often embarrassing truth: **wives, vanity and incompetence** are three good probable's.

To get most of **life** paddle slowly; to cover more, stop paddling and get an outboard.

Smile, then your face will have something to do.

If you can't **say anything good** about yourself or another person, keep quiet until you can.

Capitalism is the exploitation of man by man. Socialism is the opposite.

The sum total of a group is only as (in-)effective as its weakest link. —S. Nihal Singh

Character can be moulded by dress.

Tibrasangbeganamasanna: The **tumultuous** speed is imminent.

Success is speedy for the extremely energetic.

The best way a man can **help** other people is first to be successful himself.

The God of Hope may fill you with joy and peace in **Believing**.

The **better things** that are to come are preparing or growing under a veil.

The **logic** of the infinite is the magic of the finite.

Chances favour the mind that is prepared.

Why do they **work**?— to secure means of subsistence, to enjoy the company and support of coworkers, to be identified with an organization far more powerful than themselves, to make a meaningful contribution to a product, they think it as important and to test their abilities on a **challenging** task.

Love and marriage are like horse and carriage.

It is **pain** that ages us— not life.

Serve a **man in distress** and see God in his smiling face.

Advice is what we ask for, when we already know the answer, but wish, we did not.

Except man, all other **animals** know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it.

Sweet heart, do not **love too long**; I loved long and long, and grown out of fashion like an old song.

Genius is the capacity to take intense pains.

When a **woman** says 'no' chances are that she means it.

You cannot **repair** a roof when it is raining; when the sun shines there is no need. In fact there is never a need to mend and spend.

To know is **science**; merely to believe one knows is ignorance.

Marriages had three rings, like (in) a circus; 'Engagement Ring', 'Wedding Ring' & 'SuffeRing'
—Madan Joshi, Bombay High court Judge

What's **new** is not true; what's true is not new.

Impropriety postulates intention, which coincidence precludes.

The **three articles of Civil Service faith** are: It takes longer to do things quickly. It is more expensive to do things cheaply. It is more democratic to do things secretly.

There is no **light** at the end of the tunnel; it is the proverbial on-coming train; you have got to **save yourself** first.

'Cynic' is only a term used by an idealist to a realist.

It is not **bribery**; it is but non-contractual pre-payment.

Talent plus energy and you have got a good start. Energy will get you a long way; a little bit of talent helps; with luck you can do it. Still you did need an opportunity to start. **Nothing is dispensable**.

It is in everyone **to do** more than they do.

You are **what you are** when nobody is looking.

The **smallest good deed** is better than the grandest good intention.

Real music and painting make one think without the help of ideas or languages or images, simply by the mysterious affinities between our brains and such arrangements as one hears or sees. This is true of all finer arts.

I don't care what others think or say about me as long as I am **sure of myself**. I have suffered because of what I am but I am what I am. I cannot desert myself.

There is always a **catch** in everything and at anytime. So live by the minute and be happy until you die.

He who hesitates is bossed.

Simple solutions seldom are!

Life hurts before it kills; thank God for death.

Success is one unpardonable sin against one's fellow man.

I **can accept** the Theory of Relativity as little as I can accept the existence of atoms and other such dogmas including the existence of God.

Romance is top; love is excellence; marriage is mediocrity.

Human **relationships** are fragile and I don't think, **love** can always be the best basis for a sound **marriage**.

Permanence in love is permanent myth.

Divorce was the best thing that happened to marriage.

A **woman** has always to be better to prove that she is at least equally good.

Women are stronger than men and can circumvent stress that could easily deflate a man's ego.

Showing grace under **pressure** is perhaps or often the best revenge or strategy.

There is no such thing as an **old woman**. Any woman, at any age, if she loves, if she is good, gives man the moment of infinity.

There is no such thing as **ugly women**. There may only be women without love.

It is difficult to win a **friend** in a year; it is easy to lose in an hour.

It is in **difficulties** that I am the most comfortable with.

I am **not retiring**; I am refiring, refueling, rekindling.

The only sure **secret of success** is "Be basically happy and optimistic and tackle each problem to the best of your ability and then get a good night's sleep".

Acting is living truthfully under imaginary circumstances.

Intelligence is neither a necessary nor a sufficient qualification for a member of the intelligentsia.

The **enemy** advances, we retreat. The enemy camps, we harass. The enemy tires, we attack. The enemy retreats, we pursue.

The grabber gets all the **loot**, while those who stand and wait lose everything.

Destiny does not push you where you do not want to go; you are the one to choose; destiny is up to you.

There is no duty we so much underrate as the **duty of being happy**.

We Indians have a remarkable genius for being unhappy ourselves and making others **unhappy**.

Women are like the willows; they bend with the breeze but break not in the storm.

Man is the ultimate great **pretender**.

We are always getting ready to **live**, but never living.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievements. Nothing can be done without hope.

Every **conviction** was a whim at birth.

Drink **champagne** for defeats as well as victories. It tastes the same, and you need it more.

How near the surface lies the **depth**.

Success is what people settle for when they cannot think of something noble enough to fail at.

Stupidity won't kill you, but it can make you sweat.

Some rats run faster.

First **thoughts** are best in art and second thoughts in business.

Bahu kathar bahu dosh, vebe chinte katha kosh. The

more you **talk**, the more you go wrong; better, **think**, before you speak.

You can, if you think you can.

There is **something** instead of 'nothing'; 'nothing' is unstable.

To get rich is glorious.

Some **women** – no, most of them– look at you reproachfully even if you have been knocked down by a truck.– "Now, look at what you have done to that truck!"– sort of thing.

Despite my privileged upbringing I am actually quite **well balanced**. I have a chip on both shoulders.
—John Nash

The **same** minute never strikes twice on the **clock** of **fate**.

In **Physics** you have to go a little deeper before you could find an interesting question that people did not know.
—Richard P Feynman

It you want to make a little **fortune** in the **share market**, then surely you must start with a large one.

Imagination is more powerful than knowledge.

Some good **ideas** come out of ignorance. —Vikram Seth

Depth of **conviction** is important, but not constancy or bigotry of conviction which repulses alternatives even for consideration.

Acknowledge the fact that **time does not heal**; it just anaesthetizes. —Seema Goswami

Since my house burned down/ I now own a better **view**/ of the rising moon. —Masahida, Japanese poet

For strange effects and extra- ordinary combinations, we must go to **life itself**, which is far more daring than any effort of imagination. —Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

I know, my dear Watson, that you share my love of **all that is bizarre** and outside the conventions and humdrum routine of everyday life. —Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

All **normal people** sometimes wished their loved ones were dead. —Albert Camus

Everything is **true**; then again, nothing is true.

Lying is not only saying what isn't true. It is also in fact especially saying more than is true and, in the case of human heart saying more than one feels.
—Albert Camus (08.01.1955)

There are two types of **genius**. Ordinary geniuses do great things, but they leave you room to believe that you could do the same if you only worked hard enough. Then there are magicians, and you can have no idea how they do it. Richard Feynman was a magician.
—Hans Bethe, Theoretical Physicist and Noble Laureate

There are no bad soldiers, only bad **officers**. There are no bad workers, only bad supervisors and managers.– Thus the adage goes.

Memory can be externally flexible.
—Sunanda K Datta Ray, (The Telegraph, 04.01.2016)

Man's littleness is seen to be the inevitable condition of his greatness. —Declan Kieberd

The French Revolution, which purported to put an end to all myth-making, instituted the **myth of modernity**, the notion of perpetual renewal, which animated spirits as diverse as those of Ezra Pound (Make It New) and Leon Trotsky (Permanent Revolution). —Declan Kieberd

If a man has been denied a good **father**, he had better go out and manufacture one. —Nieztschean 'Notion'

You will do foolish things, but do them with **enthusiasm**.

To demonstrate the **uniformity of life**,- the machinery of making proteins, the ribosome's, is the same in every creature. —R P Feynman

The **Indian Mutiny (1857)** has produced one man, and that man was a woman. (The Rani Of Jhansi) —Gen. Hugh Rose

Common sense is actually nothing more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind prior to the age of eighteen.

Among the poor, it is the most **vulnerable**, i.e. women, children, elderly and the disabled– take the maximum hit, when catastrophes– natural or man-made, or due to man's negligence,– singe societies.
—The Hindustan Times (06.04.2016)

Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for **taking things granted**. —Aldous Huxley

He who **knows** others, is learned; he who knows himself, is wise. —Lao-Tse

The finest **inheritance** you can give to a **child** is to allow it to **make its own way**, completely on its own feet.

A child with good sense of **humour** has nothing to fear in this world.

The three essentials to achieve anything worth-while are hard work, stick-to-it-ness and third, common sense.

Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with love and joy.

The **murderer** is not unaccountable for his own murder.

High achievers face the damage of quicker burn outs.

Accept me as I am, only then will we discover each other.

Discover each other. Becoming number one is easier than remaining number one.

Counselors and teachers are convinced that anyone other than the parents should not be **touching a child** (particularly a girl-), even to show affection.

I'll sing as I love.
—Basavacharya

Bengal united is a power; Bengal divided will pull in several directions.
—Herbert Rislen, Lord Curzon's Home Secretary

It is reasonable to believe that right now, individuals in unlikely places are thinking hard about **our collective problems** and quietly preparing to make innovative contributions,—people whose names we don't yet know.
—Sunil Khilnani

There's a lot of value in a solution that constantly **monitors** when things are going wrong.
—Pat Lohman, COO, A Ltd. Co

I succeed, because I accept **challenges** others may not, and I'm not afraid to **take risks**. —Sosi Setian (an immigrant in the USA)

I first put the **goal** on the board and then work backwards towards it. —Vineeta Singh, C O O, Fab Bags

To me accountability and commitment to my **team members** is a bigger driving force than self-motivation.
—Vineeta Singh

Communicate never through repetition of what you said; it hurts.

A **university** stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth.
—J L Nehru

I don't have the luxury to **fall sick**. —Priyanka Chopra

All the **Natural** Law Theorists assumed that man was by nature a social animal. —John Locke (17th Century)

Man is not by nature a **social animal**; society could not exist without the power of the State.
—Hobbes (17th Century)

The life of man is **solitary**, poor, nasty, brutish and short.
—Hobbes

In the State of Nature, **man** mostly kept their promises and honored their obligations, and though insecure, it was mostly peaceful, good and pleasant. —Locke

On the contrary, Einstein's **Gravitation Theory** is an extension of Newton's Theory.

You don't need self-proclaimed **Gurus**, priests, who live in luxury at the expense of their followers.
—Dada-ji (Amiya Roy Chowdhury)

I don't **paint** what I see; I see what I paint.
—Ganesh Haloi

I do not **paint** the things I see; I paint what I think.
—Picasso

Gladstone became Prime Minister of England at the **age of 83**. Leonardo da Vinci completed "Last Supper" at 77. Scientist Kelvin invented ship-compass at 83. Rousseau completed his 12-volume autobiography at 70. Surgeon Michael de

Bakey invented 'roller pump for blood 'at 90. Tennyson wrote 'Crossing the Bar' at 83. Goethe wrote "Faust" at 92. Leopord von Rank completed "History of the World" at 92. Khushwant Singh published his last book **at 101**. I am only 91; I think I can do it; anyway, I am not .going **to build a castle in the air**.

Birds choose the safest trees to build their nests.

People do not **body-shame** one another out of altruism; they do it with the intent to embarrass and shame.

Pain is your ultimate enemy, which you can neither see, nor show, nor smell, nor taste; you cannot localize it or describe it. Doctors will opine: don't over-react, try to forget, go to sleep; -and you remain in pain.

Pain attacks human body at every vulnerable target-muscles, bones and joints.

Time does not heal pain or, for that matter, anything at all. It just teaches us to live with it.

What is **mind**? It is that thing which feels happiness and sorrow, which thinks, which tries to fulfill some objectives – all through the medium of 'body', using the brain, with which all parts of the body is intrinsically linked. —Prof. Mousumi Das

The **world** is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. —St. Augustine

Travel, if you must and have the time and resources to waste. Even in a life-time, you can travel very little and know still less and let others know the least, as you are so short of time. Let others travel and explore; you only pore over their **writings**. George Bernard Shaw travelled very little; yet he could authoritatively write on 'what not?'

There are no **foreign** lands. It is the travelers who are foreign. —Robert Louis Stevenson

All— everything I understand,— I understand, **because I love.**
—Leo Tolstoy

Music is always in the air in Boston. —T Moitra

Style to me is all about comfort.
—Rouble Nagi

The G P R S system of the human **brain** is very strong and sensitive and long-lasting. —Dr. Debnath Konar

Select the **issues** as per your good sense, taste and strength. Trust people who too have good sense. There is no compelling reason that you will have to do or be able to do everything. There is no need to pray to God to make you enable. You are able to the extent you are. —Dr. D Konar

A Borrowed Song
Give me, O Lord,/ A few more songs./ My life is dying.
—S K Batalvi

Human Beings are not locked in fixed **limitations**

"Look at one side and see those great **Aboriginals**, whom even **Europe's capitalists** and religion-merchants, till today, could not pollute with Christianity, syphilis, religious bigotry and work alcoholism. And look at the other side, and see the slaves of machines of our cities and towns!"

"The 19th Century has been named a 'Century of progress and industry'; but in reality it is a **Century of pain, torture and non culture**"
—La Farge, son-in-law of Karl Marx, wrote in his book "The rights of Idleness" (a translation)

Even in the most perfect **marriage**, there are moments of imperfection, but those are private moments. It is unfair to insinuate for what happened under stress and strain.
—Regina Mazhar (Sunanda Pushkar's friend from Dubai)

It is only **women** who have ability to understand emotions and juggle multiple problems at once; there is no better **multi-tasker** than women.

If all **politicians** are crafted by appealing to popular opinion, the economy is not likely to do well.

You keep the **happiness** and we keep the **money**.
—(Bhutan's philosophy of 'General Domestic Happiness' rather than GDP)

In real 'labour'of battle, **women** are the winners and there cannot be any exception.

But in actual 'labour' of battle, **men** are superior to women.

Everywhere in the world, combat and sports are areas of human endeavour in which, being **gender-blind** is still the stuff of fantasy. —The Telegraph (15 01 2014)

The **challenge** is how to sell what is **right**, not peddle whatever sells. —Quoted by Samar Halarnkar

In order to make somebody **laugh**, you have to be interesting, and in order to be interesting, you may have to do things that may be mean. —Malcolm Gadwall

We need to respect the fact that it is possible to **know**, without knowing why we know and accepting that– sometimes– we are better-off that way. —Malcolm Gadwall

Now we **know** more: we know that what we see—particularly when it is the colour of someone's skin, or gender, or age— does not always aid **understanding**; sometimes we can make better judgment with less knowledge and information. Justice is supposed to be blind; but it isn't.
—Malcolm Gadwall

The world is much more **mysterious** for formulas.
—Malcolm Gadwall

There is no **a-priori reason** to assume that it does not generalize to other types of choices—political, managerial, or otherwise.
—Dijksterhui's fundamental principle of human cognition

To **create** is divine; to **re-produce** is human. —Man Ray

I had **respect** for people who influenced me, not command me. —Vincent Neyer

Hindus are a foul race protected by their pullulating from the doom that is staring them. —Winston Churchill

Your **content** must help determine your form. —Jerry Pinto

Delhi is an enormous parasite, feeding on rural resources and pumping back wastes unto them. It is cruel to the poor and abominably indulgent to the rich. It is a veritable sociological and socio-ecological nightmare, increasing its parasitism on the countryside. —Ashish Kothari of Kalpa Vikash

Sometimes I wish I was **young again**; or that I could travel back in time and pick up the threads. Absent so long, I may have stopped loving you, friends; but I will never stop loving the day I loved you. —Ruskin Bond

Capitalism always needs a periphery, in which a capitalist can exploit unhindered!
—Rosa Luxembourg

Socialism means Soviet power and interstellar travel.
—V I Lenin

The problem of **capitalism** is that it is staggeringly timid in some respect; they are not going to invest when there is no profit in sight.

It is, as if, the **middleclass** Indians have a divine right to domestic help— at a below-the-par compensation for their labour.

All men desire **peace**, but very few desire those things which make for peace.

The **'technium'** marches onward, selecting its inventors rather than vice-versa. It is almost as if it is alive.

The **1st Artificial Intelligence** won't be some top-down programmed stand-alone machine or robot in some lab, somewhere. Rather, the Internet itself is one single machine that is evolving into the world's 1st Artificial Intelligence from the bottom-up, just like the growth and evolution of actual organisms. —Kevin Kerry & Larry Page

The most **useful** thing you can do for humanity is to lower the cost of things.

The sum of human **wisdom** is not contained in any one language, and no single language is capable of expressing all forms and degrees of human comprehension.
—Ezra Pound

Knowledge is that cannot be added to and subtracted from; knowledge is absolute.

Perfect speed is being there,- then and there.

In our society, **worth of a woman** is measured on a scale of doubt.

Nothing is **inevitable** until it happens.

Moore's law proved right since 50 years (since 1980's) is: A given amount of computing power halves in cost every two years.

Scratch any out worldly **modern youth**, beneath will be found conservative patriarchal attitudes.

Politicians— all politicians— *tous les politicians!*— tend not to tell the truth. They cannot help at least diluting the

truth. **Politicians** are made this way all over the world black or white, from Zimbabwe or Germany.

The **capital** is a coward; it goes to wherever it is safe.

Economics is an inexact science with exceptions to almost every pattern of behavior that economists take for granted.

Children often outgrow their parents by their teens.

New Delhi is not new at all; instead it is a groaning necropolis, with enough ruins to keep any historian busy through several incarnations.

Economic growth is important but pointless without addressing the human condition.

Educate or organize and agitate

The distinction between the **past, present and future** is only a stubbornly present illusion.

Provide **rural employment** and leave the rest to the **market** process.

Medical success depends on the patient frame of mind.

Every new **group of animals** that appears, develop new predation method.

Ca raviendra: **Victory** is to him, who fights the longest.

Success is ultimately futile because of the ephemerality of all life.

The road to success is largely paved by wily **mediocrities**.

Communists have remarkable lung power like mange- skin disease of dogs.

The average **millionaire** is... the average dishwasher dressed in a new suit.

A man receiving **charity** practically always hates the benefactor;— it is a fixed characteristic of human nature.

Mathematics is the language of God used to write universe.

If we cannot stand the **heat** in the kitchen we cannot be cooks.

Some days, he is **normal**, some days not, just like all of us.

Boom not the slump is the right time for **austerity**

Who controls the **past**, controls the **future**; who controls the **present,** controls the past.

There would be no multi-cellular **organisms** (most animals+ plants populating the earth are multi-cellular) without predators! During the Cambrian period a tremendous variety of living creatures came into being.

Nature does not allow more predators to exist than prey.

In China, **Confucius** said, the paramount virtue is '*ren*'— sensitive concern for others.

There is no **saint** without a past and no sinner without a future.

There was room for beauty and **art amid technology** and commerce.

Packaging can be theatre, it can create a story.
—Steve Jobs

Life is short and we are all going to die really soon.
—Steve Jobs

Marx was not generically **cynical**. —Robert Wright

There are two reasons why **disappointment** is the wrong reaction: Love your neighbor and Love your neighbor.

If we don't **fail**, we are not trying hard enough.

Don't react to **market**, but anticipate the market.

Production by the masses, rather than mass production.

Good **artists** copy; great artists steal. —Picasso

I figure, **happiness** is the most important thing in life,—just how much you laugh. —Steve Wasniak

I want to make a dent in the **universe.** —Steve Jobs

Journey is the reward. —Steve Jobs

As you cannot see **ahead**, you have to **trust** that dots will somehow connect in your future. —Steve Jobs

We cannot afford to be **complacent** merely because we cannot imagine.

Who has ever met a benevolent or omnipotent **government**?

If **agriculture** goes wrong, nothing else will go right.
—M S Swaminathan

A fish travels miles in an **aquarium** and reaches nowhere.

Believe those who are in search of truth; believe not these who have formed truth. —Andre Jide

Tomorrow's **illiterate** will not be the man who can't read, he will be the man who has not learned how to learn.
—Alvin Toffler

Scientists are those people who never grow up and never lose their fascination. —Simon Singh

Gandhi said, create a company that creates wealth for society and employment and run it like a **trustee** – you are just in charge to create wealth and not to own it.
—R Thyagarajan (Founder, Shriram Group)

It is difficult to make **predictions**, especially about future!

Nature is still the greatest bio-terrorist.

Civilization is nothing more than a blip between two eras, **eras** in which the planet does very well without us.

How sweet the **past** is, no matter how wrong, or how sad.
—Charles Wright

Pre-historic society (ca. stone age) has not always brutal Darwinian struggle. **Community care** is an old as humanity itself.

The problem with **brinkmanship** is that sometimes, one does go over the brink.

Technology is the knack of so arranging the world that we won't have to experience it. —Max Fritz (Swiss Novelist)

The real is the **rational** and the rational is the real.
—Hegel

What exists must be **criticized** so that it can be made rational, by violent revolution if necessary. —A Young Hegelian

The **reality** is primarily material, and not spiritual.
—(Hegel claimed)

The **age of Enlightenment** (1655-1815) had been naïve to think that the world could be changed by reason, by science and education.

A **man** is always free to be a traitor or not. —J P Sartre

I hated my **childhood** and everything that remains of it.
—J P Sartre

No one individual can create wealth, it is in partnership with others that we do it. —R Thyagarajan

If you can't **please** everybody might as well not please anybody. —Bob Dylan

Whether two **elephants** fight or make love, it is the grass that gets trampled upon. —An old saying

The limitation of **science** is that it is limited by definition to the five senses.

No external forces can **destroy America**. The day we will lose our willpower and freedom, we shall destroy ourselves that day. —Abraham Lincoln

Muhammad said that if you have **bread** in one hand, you should have a **flower** in the other, because one feeds the body and the other the soul.

In **Mumbai**, when time is everything, timing should be everything too.

Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.
—A Einstein

When a man **marries** his mistress, he creates a vacancy.

According to a **paleoanthropologist**, the **origin of humans** remains one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of rational science.

Should a person discover an **intermediate species** between apes and humans, it becomes the paleoanthropological

equivalent of an Apollo mission to the moon, the deciphering of genetic code in a test tube or nuclear fusion.

Vociferous champions of **free market** also demand protection!— "just as bootleggers are said to favour prohibition.
—Indira Gandhi

You can **prove anything** by logical reason— if you pick the proper postulates. Postulates are based on assumptions and adhered to by **faith**. Nothing can, in the universe, shake them.

History is all about interpretation. —Mohammed al Fayed

I don't suppose anyone has ever written about **money**, when so short of the stuff (except myself!)
—Karl Marx

Pretending it did not exist, does not make it disappear.

Na kisi ki aankh ka noor hoon, na kisise dilka garaar hoon, jo kisike kaam na aa sake, main to ek musht-e-ghubaar hoon. (I am neither the **light in any eye**, nor the solace to any heart, I am no use to anyone, a handful of dust!). —Bahadur Shah Zafar

All journeys begin with **one step**. —Meenaxi Negi

How can there be **mirth** or laughter when the world is on fire?
—Gautam Buddha

History is the present. Every generation writes it anew. History is the end product— a myth. —E L Doctored

The **rot starts**, as it always does, from the top: "A fish always starts smelling from the head". —Francois Bernier

If you would be the **king**, never leave a wounded prince alive. —Francois Bernier

You cannot **secure** a building with just two walls; you need a third.

Before Gandhi was the Buddha— a few thousand years in between, so what is the rush?

The **journey** of an **author** is very lonely. —Shankar

Don't trust anyone **over forty** except Jay. (Steve's side-kick). —Steve Jobs

When you **believe** in your product and in your people as totally as steve jobs, Your people will stick to you.

He scoured everywhere for people with the courage **to be different**, to be unconventional, to go beyond. (He was Steve Jobs)

Democracies don't make great products, you need a competent tyrant. —Steve Jobs

Shakespeare could, if he wanted, have become **Newton**, but Newton could never have become Shakespeare however hard he tried. —Michael M S Dutt

'Keno prasne amader nei adhikar Kaj karo; kore maro – ei holo sar.' (We have right **to ask why**. Do your duty till death. That's all to it.) —Swami Vivekananda

We **communists** are all dead men on leave. —Eugen Levine (Leader of short-lived Bavarian Soviet Republic)

In every **dancer** there is an actor and every actor has dance and music in him. —Martha Graham

People who **cause ill** to you, you will return it only with good. —Thiruvalluvar

The last **Englishman** alive will be unquestionably a Bengali. —Malcolm Muggeridge

The **morality of work** is the morality of slaves and the modern world can well afford to do without it.
—Bertrand Russell

Modern **Singapore** is a daughter of the city of **Calcutta**.
—George Yo, Singapore's ex-Foreign Minister

And what remains when **disbelief** has gone? —Larkin

A **slum like annawadi** was, what **"New India" made** later.

You will never be able to perceive the **truth**, that is one with the **reality**. There are simply several truths.

To even think about **enlightenment** is to be stuck in the head.

You can't be too **rich** and too thin

We carry in ourselves **unfulfilled dream** of our fathers and grand fathers.

Loss is a matter of fact; **profit** is a matter of opinion.

If I get another chance to live, I will never touch **philosophy**.

Does what I see with my eyes **exist** or not exist? Is it **true** or not?

Love and courage are stronger than death.

It is amazing that it is only **women** who can manage to balance life and work with small children to take care of.

What did **women** want money for? Charlotte at 19 asked her father 1 d. a week; (The wife of Charlotte Bronte) His father's reply was that!
—as quoted by Anusuya Mukherjee (The Telegraph)

After 'Dosa **Economics**' of RaghuramRajan,: To use 'Traffic Analogy', policies with few adverse spill-overs should be rated 'green'; and policies that should be used temporarily could be rated 'orange'; and policies that should be avoided at all times would be 'red'.

—Raghuram Rajan

If a policy has positive effects on both home and foreign countries, it would definitely be 'green'. A policy could also be 'green' if it can jump-start the home **economy** with only temporary negative spill-over from the foreign economy.

—Raghuram Rajan

We can all pretend, all is well with the global monetary non-system and hope that nothing goes spectacularly wrong. Or we can start building a system fit for the **integrated world** of the 21st Century.

—Raghuram Rajan

Management does things right: Leadership does the right things. —An 'ad' for 'Leadership Series' of The ABP (2016)

There are two types of people, **soldiers and women.** (The former faces the powder and the latter powders the faces), as **Virginia Woolf** said.

Both are for decoration only; said Brenda Shaughnessy (post-feminism): Ah! Flesh, techno-flesh,/ There are two types of people,/ Hot with mixed light,/ Drunk on insult./ **You and me**.

One needs rule to rule out **political interference**.

—Mark Tully

In our family we follow one maxim: an artist **can't be taught** but needs to have **inborn qualities** and be a successful magician.

—Maneka Sorcar (9th generation magician), wife of Sumit Ranjan Halder (US), not a fan of magic, but a fan of the magician in Maneka (eldest daughter of P C Sorcar Jr.)

Teach him gently, but do **not cuddle** him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.
—Abraham Lincoln (in a letter to his son's teacher)

It is difficult to have a constructive **conversation** with someone, who lacks **sense of humour**, but takes a rigid stance too early and has no respect for you; then you are left with no option other than offending him or ignoring him; or just lose your just cause, like a coward or a benign person **to** whom nothing matters.

It can be difficult to have a constructive **conversation** if one or other parties have switched into **'attack' mode**.
—Isabel Clarke (on "Anger Management")

The true vitality and continuity of **Indian religions** is still to be found where most of Indians, one-billion-plus population lives. Still widely practiced, folk religions and pluralist traditions constitute the norm rather than the exception. —Pankaj Mishra

Major **poets** go through an uncertain period after they are gone. —A K Ramanujan

Poetry comes from a palimpsest of what is past, passing, or to pass. —A K Ramanujan

When a man speaks of **pain**, he gains merit if he can speak with irony, or does not move on, then to do, what **poets** do i.e., make a poem. —A K Ramanujan

Everything worthwhile in life **takes time**.
—A new Sadhu tells William Dalrymple

When you **walk in the hills** your mind becomes clear. All your worries disappear. You have no possessions, no worries. Once you learn to **restrain** your desire, everything becomes possible. —As told to William Dalrymple

The **desperate** men are those, who have nothing more to lose, because they have murdered once. —John Creasy

Any **artist** is as good as his audience, and that master orchestrator of terror, **Alfred Hitchcock** is no exception.

The Freudians, the Jungians, the Richens, and all the others should move over and make room for me, **the Master**.
—Alfred Hitchcock

Warned, however, by my previous **experience**, I have not come without such proofs as may convince a reasonable man.
—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

All our **dreams** begin in youth.
—Heinrich Harper (Seven Years in Tibet)

Whose **wealth** is the body? –Of the father? –Of the mother? –Of the strong? –Of the buyer (who bought me)? –Of the fire? –Of the dogs? The body is **born of nature** and is finally dissolved in nature.
—Devarshi Narad (in ShriMad Bhagabatam)

The Ramas do everything in threes.
—**Arthur C Clarke** (Rendezvous with Rama)

This empirical world, as a whole, is of the nature of sorrow, in the beginning, in the middle and in the end. Therefore **after renouncing everything** an aspirant should steadfastly be established in Truth. One who has known the Truth is always free.
—Shri Sankaracharya

Verily you are suspended like scales between your **sorrow and joy**. Only when you are empty are you at standstill and **balanced**. When they lift you to weigh his gold and his silver, needs most your joy or your sorrow rise or fall.
—Kahlil Gibran

Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself.—Kahlil Gibran

Disease exists only in our own **imagination**.
—William J Fielding

The **New Nancy Formula**:: Declare with **faith** that "**there is no such thing as pain**" and the pain will vanish.
—William J Fielding

Voluntary effort essentially presupposes the idea of a resistance to be overcome. —William J Fielding

If you say, '**you will get well**', that is you are necessarily implying that 'you are ill'. —William J Fielding

The **imagination** is superior to will. —William J Fielding

Loans are a poor option in an **economic** policy.
—Ashok V Desai

If **money income** (**not real** income) is to be doubled in 5 years, generate enough inflation and jack up minimum support price, and abracadabra, it is done! —Ashok V Desai

Just ensure 24x7 **power supply** at low prices in every home in the villages and see the real '**industrial revolution**' in the country-side. —Ashok V Desai

Lawyers are worshippers of ignorance. —Ashok V Desai

The **powerful** only talk to the powerful. —Paulo Coelho

Sometimes the **thoughts** that come to us are so flippant and silly that we, grown-ups, are ashamed to tell anyone about them... It is only those who see nothing wrong with them. —Alexander Pushkin

If you have a **consultant**, better you tell him everything and nothing more; if he is worth his salt, he will find everything and advise the right remedy. But if you feed him half truths and mix wishes with facts,- well, why did you at all invest your time and money on him?

God sees the **truth**, but waits.
—Leo Tolstoy

Errors in syllogism:

All fishes are cold-blooded. Whales are fish. So, Whales are cold-blooded! Fat men can swim. John can swim. So, John is a fat man! The industrious are prudent. Ants are prudent. So, Ants are industrious!

—A ALuce

The process of **abstraction** is complex, dialectical and contradictory. —V I Lenin

Happiness is nothing but outcome of your position and deeds. —P P Wangchuk

Happiness is sum total of what you think, what you say, and what you do in complete harmony. —Mahatma Gandhi

We want to make the **3rd half of your brain**.

—Google's Co-founder Sergey Brin said, as quoted by Priya Kumari Rana

Technology has taken over the world as never before.

—Priya Kumari Rana

That person alone is **fit to nurse or to attend a patient**, who is cool-headed and pleasant in his demeanor, does not speak ill of anyone, is strong and attentive to the requirement of the sick, and strictly and indefatigably follows instructions of the physician. —Sushrut

A **physician** who fails to enter the body of a patient with a lamp and knowledge and understanding can never treat diseases. He should first study all the factors, including environment, which may influence a patient's disease, and then **prescribe** treatment. It is more important to **prevent** the occurrence of disease than to seek cure. —Charak

The universal medicine for the **soul** is supreme **reason** and absolute **justice**; for the mind, mathematical and practical **truth**; for the body, the quintessence, - a combination of light and gold. —Aryabhatta

It's not always about things that everyone thinks as right; it's about doing things that people think as **wrong but turns out to be right**. —Sanjiv Goenka

Media attention is the enemy of scholarship.
—Sociologist M N Srinivas once told Ram Chandra Guha.

Paranoia is other side of vanity. —Ram Chandra Guha

India wounded by a thousand years of foreign rule, has not yet found an ideology of re-generation. —V S Naipaul

It is in the 8th Century that the new religion of Islam spread in all countries and directions and the Arabs– led, it is said, by a 17 year old boy– overran the Indian kingdom of Sind (now in Pakistan); no civilization was so little equipped to cope with the outside world and no country was so easily raided and plundered, **learnt so little from its disasters**.
—V S Naipaul

Men might rebel, but in the end they usually make their peace. —V S Naipaul

India is without an ideology and that was the failure of Gandhi and India together. —V S Naipaul

When everyone is dead,— nay, spoiled and unnecessarily undisciplined or simply bad— the **Great Game is finished**. Not before. —Rudyard Kipling

It is no-brainer that we must **live within our means**. What is true of individuals is equally true for Nations.
—N K Singh

Dreams are not those which you see while sleeping. Dreams are those that do not let us sleep.
—A P J Abdul Kalam

Indian **poverty** is more dehumanizing than any machine.
—V S Naipaul

'Who is that can tell me **who I am**?' 'The art of our necessities is strange.' —William Shakespeare

Why are some people **born nicer**?

"Are we moving towards a future in which **robots** will become more powerful than humans?""A robot can only excel in one vertical!" "It does not have the consciousness to assess a situation subjectively. —Jayakrishnan (CEO of a robotic co)

It always seems **impossible** until it is done.
—Nelson Mandela

Walking- on- two- legs distinguished the 1st Hominids from other apes, but scientists are still not sure, why our ancestors became **bipedal**. —Erwin Wayman

Evolution is a wrong and hasty theory. It does not explain anything. It only tries to. It is wrong to give so much importance to it that mankind is totally effortless to try and seek other options. This is no science; science never stops. It stopped for 1500 years once to its own and man's peril!

A Hominid that lived in Europe more than 1 million years might have given rise to Neanderthals and Homosapeins, **some Anthropologists say**.
—Eryn Wayman

Birth and death are not real, only symbolic; life stretching from operations like births to deaths to births is real and continuous. It is like wave- like packets of corpuscles in permanently horizontal direction. Every one carries the genes from its original mother, of whomsoever she came from; science is the last thing to explain that! —A Philosopher

Human beings once lived in East Africa. People first left this region about 50000 years ago, and ever since are driven by the urge to explore far and near for reasons, also other than purely temporal.
—Simon Adams

History is more than a simple collection of wars and battles or a record of succession of kings and queens.
—Ed. Christen Jorgenson

The story of human **civilization** is also the story of **inventiveness**. Inventions and discoveries are what pushing us forward– each idea leads to a new idea as succeeding generations of scientists and engineers look for ways to build on the discoveries of their predecessors. —The Paragon

The invention rarely works alone, conjuring ideas out of thin air. Often there is an **obvious reason for an invention**.
—The Paragon

Many times the **inventor or experimenter** must seem **eccentric** or foolish. What most casual observers here thought of **Benjamin Franklin** flying his kite in a thunder storm to make discoveries about electricity? —The Paragon

The world is full of **inventions**,— everything around us,— from paper-clips to pop-up toasters to super-computers.
—The Paragon

It is the universal potentiality of **consciousness** that we resonate with, which we tap with the mind's will. We then access the very power behind all existence...
—Dr Mani Bhowmick

I consider myself a **democratic** person. I have considered everything that's proposed and I proceed to proclaim, "**I agree to nothing.**"

I have no **ego** problem; I am superior to all-of-you-put-together in every respects. It is but real.

If **Evolution** is the only theory, we are left with, after 5000 years of existence, to understand the world and to synthesize events, and then I must say, the humanity is once again stuck, like it was 1500 years after Greco-Roman thoughts and civilization, for any alternative theory to be invented.

This is a **sterile period for science**, when only utilitarian devices and technology get the most attention. A stage has to come, when **pure science** will again be the rage. A rethink on the theory of evolution and age-old anthropological questions will take the centre stage.

Nothing is objective in the world; everything is **subjective**.

Why at all the fur-protected, hoofed, high-speed quadrupeds have to jettison, to be slow, unprotected, and hesitant bipedal to acquire the so-called intelligence is a mystery. This change, to be called **evolution**, is mind-boggling.

The **General Theory of Relativity** deals with large-scale structure of the Universe i.e., from a few miles to*10 to the power 24* miles– the size of the observable Universe. But **Quantum Mechanics** on the other hand deals with phenomena on extremely small scales e.g. *10 to the power minus 12* inches. Unfortunately, these two theories are inconsistent with each other yet. So, **both cannot be correct** in one world. One of the major endeavors in physics of the day is to reconcile them.

—Stephen Hawking

...But why should there **be only one law**, one set of constants, one rule and one set of formulas for such a vast Universe including the minutest units? Who said that there can be only one rule of dictatorship? Why are rules so intricate?

...If there were a complete set of laws, that would infringe God's freedom to change His mind and intervene in the world!

—Stephen Hawking

And surely there must be a God, or by whatever name you call It, as unimaginable as black holes, a billion times brilliant Suns, cosmic distances, inter-molecular distances, amoebas, protozoa, viruses, electrons, top quarks, genes, etc.which we have been able to visualize only through imagination ,but could never see them physically. **May not God be someone like that?**

Women's mind is beyond control, and the brain is weak.
—The Vedas

A **poet** is thirsty even when immersed in water up to his throat. —The Vedas

Day in day out, the two, Day in day out, they are one– that's called **'love'**; One in two, two in one, and that's called 'love'. —The Vedas

The **investor** is unlikely to invest during hard times, just when the economy needed new investments badly. Boost the demand by Governmental action, such as lowering interest rate. —John Maynard Keynes

Existence precedes essence, i.e., there are no Platonic Forms (pure reason) of which man and all else is a temporal manifestation (existence), but man is (existent), and by the nature of his existence, determines what he is (in essence).
—Jean-Paul Sartre

I hear many people calling out, **'punish the guilty,'** but very few are concerned with **clearing the innocent.**
—Samuel S Leibnitz (a defense lawyer)

Women do not love; they do their duty.

Prehistorically, **battles** were fought over food and shelter; later wars were waged over religion and ideological beliefs; and now the domains of struggle of sophisticated warfare are for **economic and technological supremacy.**
—A P J Abdul Kalam

Each individual culture on this beautiful planet is created by **God** to fulfill a particular role.
—A P J Abdul Kalam

Bread without love is bitter bread that feeds but half a man's hunger.
—Cahlil Gibran

A Christian ought to write in prose, For **poetry** is magic...
—Auden

Having mastered the **fundamentals of different fields of learning**, you will eventually perceive that they have **much in common**, far more than it would appear at first sight.– math., radio engg., physiology, cybernetics, psychiatry, information theory and technology, oil refining, control theory, geophysics, anthropology, astronomy, space technology, micro biology, nano technology, bioscience, etc.
—Ya I Khurgin

Whatsoever your field, reader, in your work and everyday life you appear as experimentalist, observer and decision maker. **You too are a scientist**. —Y I Khurgin

A little pause, and off I go...// My simple art// Touches to music with my bow// **Earth's silent heart**.
—Armando Menzes

Why is it all, labour and the din,
And wherefore do we plague our souls and vex
Our bodies or with doubts our days perplex?
Death levels soon the virtue with the sin.
—Poet-Yogi Sri Aurobindo

Japan is the world's most geriatric society. (2016)

One important quality one needed for true greatness is great **self-confidence**.
—Sanjoy Manjrekar (commenting on Virat Kohli on 31.01.2016)

One is known by one's **last failure**. —Priyanka Chopra

At my **meditation camps**, I watch people doing chaotic breathing for 10 minutes and then allowing spontaneous movements to happen for 10 minutes....!0 minutes of chaotic breathings disturb the fixed pattern of your personality. **Then the unconscious** surges up and takes over.
—Bhagwan Shree Rajnish

Finally **power** can and must be tamed today, when 'science' has made it inevitable that all must live or all must die.
—Bertrand Russell

Eight Centuries of **British Policy of domination** of Ireland by England, was successful, since landowners were rich while peasants starved. —Bertrand Russell

True **Yoga** exists, despite all the incredible absurdities that have been associated with it. —Flash

A **materialist** is driven to metaphysics in the last extremity,— as a materialist sees a chair, it is not the real chair external to his eye which he perceives, but an external something plus the mental image it formed. —Swami Vivekananda

The **'Ego'** is a part of 'Id'(a vast primordial reservoir of energy, derived from two primary life and death instincts,... appetite, love, hate,... Oedipus Complex). It works towards survival of the individual. —Sigmund Freud

The **intellect** represents 'becoming' as a series of 'states', each of which is homogenous with itself and consequently does not change. —Henri Louis Bergson

The **people** we care for the most give us the most trouble.

When **women's** opinions waver, it means that their heart is not at rest. —George Santayana

The **people** are the foundation of a country; when the foundation is strengthened the country will be secure.
—Dr SunYat Sen

It is necessary to be dispassionate at the **threshold of philosophy**, but not at the door of Christ-historiography.
—Benedetti Croce

We shall now proceed to set up the **Socialist** Order.
—V I Lenin (on 22.10.1917)

Primarily, we call something '**good**' when we desire it and 'bad', when we have aversion for it.

—Bertrand Russell

Individualism sees man only in relation to himself, but collectivism does not see man at all, it sees only 'society'. With the former, man's face is distorted; with the latter it is marked.

—Martin Bibber

Only when you are a very **confident driver** (i.e., when you are confident of your confidence), you are likely to commit hideous blunders; ... not when you are over-confident or under influence of some alcohol...when really you are likely to be over-cautious.

When you feel on **top of the world**, better take care; the pinnacle is always slippery; you might slip. People do die also.

A strong enemy is your best ally.

—Chanakya

Mutton may end in being cooked chewy. Marinate long in spiced yoghurt or better in vinegar, then cook covered in a slow pace for a long time.

The **Pope** is ordering an enquiry why it costs 75000 Euros (Rs. 560 crores) to become a saint. —The Outlook (04.04.16)

Every one of the **culture's** intrinsically necessary stages and periods has a definite duration, always the same, always recurring.

—Oswald Spengler

In the modern world of paper currency and bank credit there is no escape from a managed currency,- wish it or not; - convertibility into gold will not alter the fact that the value of gold itself depends on the policy of the Central Bank.

—Maynard Keynes

Reality is an Absolute Whole, both subjective and objective in nature, undergoes a process of dialectical– i.e. thesis and antithesis and ultimately the 3rd position: synthesis. Each synthesis has its own negation and the process goes on and on. —Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Profits depended on high and low wages, wages on the prices of necessaries, and the price of necessaries chiefly on the **prices of food**. —David Ricardo

Christianity saw suffering and evil in the world. In fact the original teaching of Christ was pessimistic.
—Arthur Schopenhauer

The **production** of goods could not be controlled, but the **distribution** could be, by taxes, laws and expropriation society can take from one individual and give to others.
—John Stuart Mill

Under a **Government** which imprisoned any man unjustly, therefore, the true place for a just man is also a prison.
—Henry David Thoreau

Let the ruling classes tremble at a **Communist Revolution.** The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Working men of all countries, unite!
—Karl Marx (Communist Manifesto, 1848)

Through the ages, there has been an **evolution** from the belief that man exists for the benefit of the State to the belief that the State exists for the benefit of the individuals.
—Herbert Spencer

The **true hero** is he who can discipline his mind by devotional exercise while carrying a heavy burden of worldly duties. —Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Freedom of **enterprise** will continue as the predominant aspect of economic organization./ Property rights will remain unchanged./ Population and capital will increase slowly, and at

approximately the same rate, and both are capable of moving and being motivated by the possiblity of gain.
—Alfred Marshall (1900)

The **theory** of final productivity determines the earnings of men; all workers everywhere would receive 'what would be lost to its employers if any one man now in the labour would stop working.'
—John Bates Clark (1900)

In millions of my **re-births**, I tried to enjoin my heart to Yours; still am I not content. —Saint Poet Jaideb

God has chosen the most perfect, at the same time, the simplest in hypothesis and the richest in phenomenon (**this world**) as the base with the geometric line, of which construction is easy but whose properties very remarkable.
—Godfried Wilhelm Leibnitz

The appearance of **several ideas**, constantly succeeding one another in our needs, furnishes us with the idea of succession; the distance between the appearances of the ideas is duration. —John Locke

God, take care of my friends; I **will take care of myself**.

God is always on the side of big battalions.
—Voltaire (Francis-Marie Arouet)

The concept of **philosophy** as an empirical science of man is the true beginning of modern philosophy.
—David Hume

In writing a **poem**, one must resist the temptation of rhyming or reasoning, instead concentrate on wording dreams.

On starting to write an essay on any onerous subject, I am confronted with the reality that **young Bengal does not write or read anymore**.
—Amartya Sen

Sen (Amartya) is not that young. Even he does rarely write alone now. Pathik Guha or Bikash Sinha is passé. Sirshendu or Shankar is not getting younger either. **And essays?** Who is there after (late) Bhabatosh Datta and the like, ignoring those with stale and dogmatic ideas?

The **young Bengal** is writing poetry and short stories.

I speak of **love and death** in one breath, as if they are my old pals.

Nothing ends, friends; did anything begin?

The **philosophy** of **Jean Jacques Rousseau** was a mixture of **Lao Tse's** return to nature, **Buddha**'s compassion for the poor, **Isaiah's** search for social justice, **St. Augustine**'s Progress from licentiousness to love, and **Locke's** blueprint for a better world, combined with the imagination of a **poet** and sympathy of a gentle soul. —A Biographer

Economic progress made possible by increasing savings and capital accumulation would lead to higher wages of workers.

—Adam Smith (1760?)

I consider **Europe** at present a world apart. We consider interests of Cuba, Mexico, and ours, the same.

—Thomas Jefferson (Monroe Doctrine)—(the embryo)

The **employment of the poor** in roads and public works, for persons of property to build, to improve and beautify their grounds, and to employ workmen and menial servants, would help bring consumption and produces into balance.

—Thomas Robert Malthus (proposal of Lord Keynes) (followed by President Roosevelt during the 1930 Depression)

Let your every action, word and thought be that of one who is prepared at any time to leave this life. The **pain** that cannot be endured terminates quickly and life itself.

—Marcus Aurelitus Antonymous

End justifies the **means**.
—Niccole Machiavelli (Bismarck, Hitler, Mussolini are examples of N.M's The Prince)

Urban Indians seek to pack more into their day to keep pace with a world speeding by around them...
—Abhishek Anand & Leena Dhankhar

Burn worldly love, rub the ashes and make ink of it. Make the heart the pen, and the intelligence the writer... Teach me the manner of **knowledge**. —Guru Nanak

It is neither right nor wrong to go against **conscience**. Here I stand. —Martin Luther

There remains Super-experience, which if taken as it comes, is called 'accident' (empirical), if sought for, 'experiment', and the true methods of experience lights the 'candle' (hypothesis). Candle shows the way (arranges and delimits the 'experiment')— establishes 'axioms'— leading to new experiments.
—Francis Bacon (wrote this warning in 1600's on every school text book in Developed Countries)

Unless I am convinced of my own error by the world of God and correct **reasoning**, I cannot recant.
—Martin Luther

Make everyone the author of the **acts of the Sovereign**.
—Thomas Hobbes

My **soul**, thou hast been long kept inactive; the hour has come for thee to quit thy prison, to leave the trammels of the body; suffer, then, this separation with joy and carriage.
—Rene Descartes' last words

Five Great Religions of the world were born in the span of 100 years: Jainism, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Zoroastrianism. Christianity and Islam, also in another span of 700 years, about 600 years of the above. But all in the East.

Stand up for **justice**, not mercy; no place for emotion; work, not pray.
—Ahura Mazda

Strange, but true: every major scientific advance actually increases man's **uncertainty**, reduces his status as a species and undermines his sense of purpose. Cloning is one such example.

Whosoever **kills** an innocent human being, it shall be as if he has killed the whole mankind.
—(Surah al-Maida, verse 32, the Quran)

Anything that is not absolutely prohibited by the laws of nature is possible, and sooner or later, **science** will achieve it.

The introduction of European **scholars** to **Hindu Scriptures** was through the translation (from Sanskrit to Arabic) of the Upanishads by Dara Shiko, the 1st son of Emperor Shah Jehan.

Classifications of medicines: Antibiotic e.g. Penicillin/ Antiseptic e.g. Iodine /Antipyretic e.g. Paracetamol/ Analgesic e.g. Aspirin / Antidiarrohal e.g. Metrozidol/ Anthelmintic e.g. Albedazol,/ Anti-malarial, Antiviral, Anti-tuberculosis, Anticancer, Diuretic, Anti-emetic and Anti-anginal, apart from vitamins and vaccines. And now,: nuclear medicine, gene therapy, and...

It is human to be **jealous**. —Alia Bhatt

It is exclusively human to **rape**; non-humans don't.

The specter of **machine intelligence** becoming indistinguishable from that of its human progenitors within first half of 21st century stares at the humans.
—Ray Kurzweil

The power not **ideas to transform the world** is accelerating with technology and evolutionary processes progressing in an exponential manner. —Ray Kurzweil

Nano-technology-based manufacturing devices will be capable of creating almost any physical product from inexpensive raw materials and information by 2020's.

The **Anthropic Principle** states that the fundamental **constants** of physics and chemistry must be compatible with our existence; if they were not, there would have been no universe of intelligent life. It is as if we are on a knife's edge. Why could not there be a single constant designed to be the source of everything?

A **Pulsar** is a celestial source of pulsating E M radiation as radio waves characterized by a short relatively constant interval of 0.33 second interval between pulses that is held as a rotating Neutron Star.

A **Quasar** is a class of celestial objects that resembles stars but whose large red shift and apparent brightness imply extreme distance and huge energy output.

Quarks are hypothetical elementary particles with 3 corresponding anti-particles which have been postulated as the basis of all matter. By different arrangement of only 3 truly fundamental particles the properties of all other particles can be explained.

The **Biometric principle** of recognition of eyes as reliable is: the FRR (false rejection rate) of eyes' colour and structural part is 0.00066 and FAR (false acceptance rate) is 0.00078% VT (verification time) is 2 seconds.

Moore's Law is that every 2 years the size of transistors will halve itself.
—(Gordon Moore the inventor of IC said in 1970.)

Every citizen, when he shops, works, or votes, is a practicing **Economist**. —J Pen

A party becomes stronger by **purging** itself.
—V I Lenin

Prayagmati said she would embrace ***Sallekhana***; (A devout Jain's personal and entirely subjective selection of dying gradually and slowly and irreversibly by denying herself food till the end) she would prefer to give up her body rather than have it taken from her.

In 2 billion years, the **earth** will be inhabitable. Though impossible can sometimes become possible, there is nothing in the Universe to suggest **any purpose for humanity**.

In **Hindustani music** system, the 6 principal *Ragas* are: *Bhairabi, Mallar, Shree, Hindol, Malkosh and Deepak.*

The human body has **9 principal systems of the body**:: 1) Skeletal 2) Blood circulatory 3) Digestive 4) Respiratory 5) Excretory 6) Lymphatic 7) Endocrine 8) Nervous 9) Muscular

Cells are the basic building blocks of (human) bodies. The body cells are;; bone, skin, fat, liver, muscle, nerve, sperm, and blood cells.

The process of **Cloning** is mechanical transfer of nucleus of a cell, along with its genes and chromosomes, to an egg which had also its nucleus removed; it is then deceived into thinking that it has been fertilized and is given an electric impulse to trigger division, like a normal embryo; it is then transferred to a woman; a baby clone is then born after 9 months.

Genes are basic and functional unit of **heredity**. Genes are made up of DNA. DNA is long double-spiral molecules made from Hydrogen, Carbon and Oxygen. DNA code lies in sequence of chemical bases along each strand. These bases are like alphabets, (A G C and T) the sequence of which is broken up into 'sentences' called Genes. Genes provide instructions to make a particular protein (Amino Acids. There are 23 Amino Acids)

Genomes of, say, a human being is that fixed sequence of the chemical bases (alphabets A G C T). The 4 bases can be arranged in groups of 3; so there are 64 codons.

Chromosomes hold the key to **heredity**. Humans have 46 chromosomes. Women have 23 matching pairs (X chromosomes). Men have 22 matching pairs (Y chromosomes) + 2 odd (called sex chromosomes), which decide sex.

The Human Rights are: Freedom of speech, Universal suffrage, Accountable Government, Pluralism, Homosexuals, Short skirts, Dancing & singing, Beards, Evolution theory, sex, Kissing in public, Bacon sandwich, Disagreement, Fashion, Vegetarianism, Literature, Religion, Generosity, Water, Salt, Food, Equitable distribution of resources, Movies, Freedom of thought, Freedom of speech, Beauty, Love, Marriage, Live-in together, Divorce, Right to work, Right not to work, Right to strike.

We can never **prove a theory**, but we can falsify one.
—Karl Popper, a scientist

Complex **explanations** of a simple phenomenon are precursor of paradigm shift.
—Thomas Kuhn, a scientist

The most **distant quasar** we know of has a red shift of 5.5; i.e., light from this object takes 12 billion years to reach us.

The words: Hinduism, Shikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism were coined in the **19th century**.

It took man 30 million years to increase man's **brain area** (volume) from 300 cm cubed to 600 cm cubed. Thereafter within, 500,000 years, the volume has enlarged to 1700 cm cubed.

Man is so **intelligent** that there is not a single such idiotic self-destructive living being in the Universe as a man.

A **diamond** can be blue, green, black, yellow, white, and red, orange. Kohinoor is 110 carats; Star of Africa 500 carats. Diamond is for April-born: they are innocent.

Plastics were some novelty 50 years ago, though invented in1907 by a scientist Leo Hendrik Backland.

The **medical treatment** principally consists of: Kill bacteria, Promote internal resistance, Surgery, Vaccination.

Men make wars; women, children, both die.

Tell all the **truth**; but tell it slant.

Truth is elusive, subtle, and many-sided.

All will be well if **good men try**. —Gautama Buddha

If you see the **Buddha**, kill the Buddha. —Gautama Buddha.

Time present and time past are both present in time future And time future contained in time past. —T S Elliot

Galileo said (before Newton) (He contradicted Aristotle):: **Cause-less state** is only steady state or with identical speeds; both are similar. Newton named this cause as Force; things happen due to this **force**.

He who grows corn cultivates **righteousness**.
—Vendidat Zoroastrian

Manual labour is a duty for all, including the scholar and the brain-worker. —The Hebrews

Half a million years ago— man was becoming man— even long before Christian Era,— when human dexterity had already so marvelously developed that it has never since been excelled: i.e., long before iron and steel, concept of the world as a whole, fuels other than wood and charcoal, any roads built,— men produced many **masterpieces** of great dexterity.

John Lennon (assassinated by David Chapman- a 25 year old security guard— with a 0.38 Smith & Wesson revolver) was the loser, the no-where-man, the day-tripper, the lucky

man who made the grade, the walrus, the iconoclast, mean Mr. Mustard, the working class hero, the eccentric peacemaker, the clenched-fist revolutionary, the white man, off-target activist and the recluse, who remained steadfast to his principles. The other members of the Beatles in turbulent 60's were **George Harrison (embraced Eastern Mysticism), (Sir Paul) McCarteny (lyrics & music writer) and Ringo Starr.**

The **7 key aging processes** are: 1) DNA mutation— Gene Therapy is the answer, 2) Toxic cells— Target 'suicide genes' 3) Mitochondrial mutations 4) Intra Cellular Aggregates— Somatic Gene Therapy, 5) extra Cellular Aggregates, 6) Cell Loss & Atrophy— Therapeutic Cloning & human Somatic Cell Engineering

Space Exploration is going to be easier, with increase of speed nearing speed of light,— as Mars is only 3 light-minutes away from the Earth, and Jupiter 40 light-minutes away.

Whereas some of my contemporaries may be satisfied with a **part of the cycle of life,** that is not my view. It may be natural; but I don't see anything positive in losing my mental agility, sensory acuity, physical limberness, sexual desire, or any other human ability. I view **disease and death** at ANY age as **a calamity, as problems to be overcome and solved.**

—Ray Kurzweil

There is no way to know the **future** except to watch it unfold.

The **human brain** uses a very inefficient electro-chemical, digital-controlled analog computational process. The bulk of calculations are made in inter-neuronal connection at a speed of only 200 calculations per second. But the brain aiso gets the prodigious power from its **extremely parallel organization** in 3 dimensions.

There are no **hard problems**. There are problems which are hard to a certain level of intelligence.

If you cannot— in the long run— tell everyone what you have been doing, your doing has been worthless.
—Erwin Schrödinger

Most of the **fundamental ideas of science** are essentially simple, and, may, as a rule, be expressed in a language comprehensible to everyone. —Albert Einstein

Quantum Mechanics views sub-atomic particles as **'tendencies to exist'** or 'tendencies to happen'. —Gary Zhukov

Science... means an un-resting endeavour and continuity in progressing development towards an aim which **the poetic intuition may apprehend, but which the intellect can never fully grasp**. —Max Planck

If we don't believe in **freedom of expression** for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.
—Noam Chomsky

The vast differences among the **World's 7000 languages** (From Albania to Zulu) is in externalism. The key is MERGE.
—Noam Chomsky

Human language is fundamentally different from any other kind of communication, that a 'linguist from Mars' would agree that all human languages are variation on a single language, and that children are incredibly quick in learning (despite often messy and inattentive parental input) points to an innate language faculties in the brain. —Noam Chomsky

Das Kapital reaches beyond the well-made works of Marx's Century (19th) into the discontinuous modernity of our own. —Marshal Barman

Das Kapital is as discordant as Schonenby and as nightmarish as Kafka.

Fresh ideas can have great impact on problem-solving.
—Nandan Nilekani

Finding **better ways** to do things is a quest as old as the human race, beginning with fire, pottery wheel and domestication of plants and animals.
—David Ellyard

When **Hammurabi** (2067-1780 BC?) took the throne as the 6th king of the city of Babylon, he was, according to Will Durant, a warrior and leader and expanded his kingdom widely. The Laws of Hammurabi became for all ancient societies a great legacy comparable to the best in the modern world.
—Ed. Dr. J. Green

To be **rigid** is the way of death. To be supple and soft is the way of life.
—Lao Tzu

"You embrace ***Sallekhana*** (The Jain's ritual fast unto death) is not out of despair with your (old) life, but to gain and attain something new. It is as exciting as visiting a new country. We feel energized at a new life full of possibilities".
—As Prasannamataji told William Dalrymple.

Pleistocene Epoch, The **Glaciaen Age** began after extinction of **non-avian Dinosaurs** in the Cretaceous Paliogea extinction event, at the start of Cenozoic Era – extending to the start of Quartinary Glaciation at the end of Pliocene Epoch.

The achievement of **happiness** is a prime goal of mankind.
—Aristotle

Apart from the traditional virtues and veneration of the **past** , one must recognize that there is an ordination for everything and a man should receive submissively what may be correctly ascribed thereto.
—MengTse = MengKo (2nd sage of China)

Our acts can be no wiser than our thoughts. Our thinking can be no wiser than our understanding.
—Georges Clason (The author of "The Richest Man in Babylon")

We look for **medicine** to be an orderly field of knowledge and procedure. But it is not. It is an imperfect science, an aptitude of constantly changing knowledge, uncertain information, fallible individuals, and at the same time on the line.
—Dr. Atul Gawande

Imperfection is beauty, madness genius and it is better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring.
—Marylyn Monroe

If you don't design your **life-plan**, chances are you will fall into some ones' plan.

Happiness is not something readymade; it comes from your own actions. —Balham

Like the Law of Gravity, the Laws of Money are universal and unchanging. They are: Start thy purse to fattening. Control thy expenditure. Make thy gold multiply. Guard the treasures from loss. Make of thy dwelling a profitable investment. Insure a future income. Increase thy ability to earn.

"In **India**, now we are habituated to be **poor**."- A rag-to-riches multi-billionaire told Chetan Bhagat. May be, he was right. Poverty can be addictive. —Chetan Bhagat

Decision Theory is what allows us to investigate how executives and leaders make their decisions by identifying and structuring their **goals**.
—Anuja-Maria Meister

Cord-blood that remains in the umbilical cord and placenta at the time of birth is rich in hematopoietic stem cells, which give rise to all the other blood cells and is the foundation of other tissues' and our bodies' immune system.

One cannot **imagine**, unless one experiences anything.

You cannot **experience** anything, unless you can imagine it.

My **husband** is a pusillanimous fellow. He never takes any decision. I enjoy my womanhood fully. —Robhill

Whereas some of my contemporaries may be satisfied to embrace gracefully (death) as part of the cycle of life, that is not my view. It may be natural; but I don't see anything positive in losing my mental agility, sensory acuity,....

The search for **heroism** is vulgar.

Float like a butter-fly; sting like a bee; mumble, young man, rumble. —Muhammad **Ali—The Greatest** (Cassius Clay)

Ruthless self-denial is the sine-quanon of **creativity**.
—Sanjoy Bhattacharya (Novelist, writer and thinker)

I must create my **own system** or be enslaved by others.
—William Blake

Eternal recurrence even for the smallest!...' was my disgust at all existence! That was my disgust at all existence!'—exclaimed Nietzsche's Zarasthustra.

Terror is the very basis of human mentality.
—James Joyce

I learnt physics at 13. It was amazing to me that we **could understand,** and we do understand the things we do not understand. —Kip Thorne (Astrophysicist)

Nothing in Biology makes sense except in the light of **Evolution**. —Theodius Dohzhansky (1973)

Sometimes it seems that the only way to convey pain and perils of writing is through **writing** itself. —Ruchir Joshi

Fools do not know the existence or non-existence of **'why'**. It does not make any difference in their lives. Realists do not care about 'why'. Materialists do not have to care. Scientists investigate about 'why' in the mathematical models.

Philosophers argue on 'why'. Spiritual persons think they know 'why'. But only the **en-lightened ones** know 'why'.

If you really know **how to live**, what better way to start a day than with a **smile**?

Automation is Japan's solution to shrinking birth-rate and population, de-population of villages and caring for an ageing society. Japan is busy creating 'Super-Smart Society', which is 'Society 5.0' for running factories or driving a car, automated. But surely this cannot yet be India's model!

It was impossible, that all men **believed in God**, even those who would not face up to Him.
—Camus

You ended up **getting used to** everything– everything in time!

I had no **ambition** and it was disastrous for my **business activity**.

The laws are all there, but the devil lies in **detail**.

The very first step to be taken in **revolutionizing the development** of our country, is to ban (and implement!) compelling women getting water from far-away, procuring fire-wood from anywhere and doing others' domestic chores.

Mughals gave tax-rebates if farmers invested in **water-harvesting**.

Sadness is the price you have to pay for the joys of your life. —P P Wangchuk

There is no such thing as **failure**; you will break down when your desire crumbles.
—Tanvi

A **dreamer** is one, who can find his way only by moon-

light and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

—Oscar Wilde

A **qualified physician**, however corrupt, conservative or egotistic he may personally be, when he takes up the case of a patient,- however hopeless a case it might be,— he involves himself completely and the scientist in him takes over and he works on the patient dedicated and selflessly.

Uebung makt den Meister. **Practice** brings about perfection. Nothing is easy; so never stop learning. —Tanvi

Globally, **solar installations** have been doubling every two years for the last thirty years and cost dropping 10% every year. Indications are that in the next 14 years solar could and would provide 100% of to-day's energy-needs. America's Sun Edison is supplying solar energy @Rs. 4.63/KWH, Fortran (a Finnish Co.) @ Rs. 4.34/KWH and even some others are offering @ Rs. 2.01/KWH. All-elec. Cars and Lithium-ion batteries are improving. (Stanford Univ.)

—Vivek Wadhwa

There is no **caste problem in India**. The problem is with the narcissist and malicious and undignified criticism and propaganda about the age-old, stable Indian Society. This critique is fashionable since Colonial Times and also by some otherwise bitter persons.(Remember Nixon's caustic and ungentlemanly remarks about Indira Gandhi after a meeting in 1971) Is it not natural and scientific for a carpenter's son to be a carpenter? Who says that a barber's son falls in love with a princess and marries her durably, or vice-versa? Yes, the question of earning should not come in. It is the Society's responsibility to make manual labour as respectful and remunerative as any other. Which princess of which so-called advanced country gets away marrying a commoner, without raising severe gossips and canards? How was Parish Hilton treated? Of course, un-touchability is a degradation and social distortion practiced since quite sometime in India; but who wants to continue it?

Man is the master feminist. Women do not understand **feminism**. Feminism is a male construct.

"Man has not one and the **same life**. He has many lives, placed end-to-end, and that is the cause of his misery."
—as quoted by "Zia Haider Rahman" in his book: "In The Light Of What We Know"

Hands that serve are more sacred than the lips that pray.
—Varun Chhibber (GM, The Oberoi Grand)

To be **human** is to be hospitable.
—Dr. Suborno Bose (mentor, IIHM)

Socrates believed that he was **wise**; because he knew that he knew not.

But what were their **deaths (in Concentration Camps)** compared with the memories of a lost period in my life?– a period that will never return? —Milan Kundera

And what can life be worth, if the first rehearsal of life is **"life"** itself? —M Kundera

When we **ignore the body**, we are more easily victimized by it.

Love and feel the **unity of body and soul**, and that lyrical illusion of science instantly fades away.

The **face** is nothing but an instrument panel registering all the body-mechanisms: digestion, sight, hearing, respiration, thought,....

If a **"Mother"** was a "Sacrifice Personified", then the **"Daughter"** was a "Guilt", with no possibility of redress.

What one **man does in a single day** is infinitesimal, but it is nonetheless infinitely important that he do it.
—Declan Kiberd

To prosper, citizens need "inclusive Institutions" which create virtuous circles of innovation, economic expansion and more-widely wealth.

—Daron Acemoglu & James a Robinson (Academics)

The energy the earth receives from the sun in one hour can meet **the mankind's energy needs** for one whole year–provided we can capture, convert and deliver to the points of use.

Most people begin to start the most important things **too late**. —The Polish Author Stanislaw Lem

In **China, when currency-account surplus** reached 10% of GDP (as in 2007), savings increased 50%of GDP and investment surpassed 40% of GDP. These are far too high figures to be welfare-balancing, or dynamically efficient or "stable" when citizens' clamour starts.

—Arvind Subramaniyan (CEA to MO Finance, 2016)

The Hindu Society is 'cut off' from itself and anti-social at its roots; it is no society at all. It is foolhardy, therefore, to imagine it as a unified nation.

—BR Ambedkar

In the 'Hindu Society', **caste at its core**, produces a kind of auto-immune disorder. —Soumyabrata Chaudhury

That **imperfection** is universal. Perfection of the body is a construct rather than an objective reality.

—Kathakali Jana (while discussing a choreography-improvisation (in Condoco's in Kolkata), The Telegraph

I don't watch **other people's films**. I get Jealous. A good story told well upsets me.

—Sanjoy Leela Bansali (as told to Saudamini Jain in Hindustan Times' Brunch issue, 17.04.2016)

The Nation is a daily plebiscite.

—Ernest Renan (in 1882)

The English are by far the most **fair-minded** people on Earth; this is no exaggeration and completely impartial, - even after considering their Colonial pasts.

A **Republic** cannot disown its own citizens.
—Mukul Kesavan

Food and feminity are always tied together.
—Padma Lakshmi

No one is going to grant **equality to women** in a hurry.
—Padma Lakshmi

Caste discrimination is everywhere; it is in the genes of our Indian Society. Whichever religion we go to, we are deemed to be Dalits. —BR Ambedkar

It is as a **woman** that I understand; **men** are men.
—Jack London

Imperfection is beauty, madness genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring.
—Marilyn Monroe

If you don't **design your life span**, chances are you will fall into someone else's plan.

IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WERE TWO NATIONS. One was a vast, mighty and magnificent empire, brilliantly organized and culturally unified, which dominated a massive swathe of land of the Earth. The other one was an underdeveloped, semi-feudal realm, riven by religious factionalism and barely able to feed its illiterate, diseased and stinking masses. The first one was India. The second one was England. (This is when English men came to India as East India Company.)
—Alex Von Tunzelmann (An English Historian in his 'Indian Summers')

Weak people love weaker people. —Rob Hill

"Again I ask you! Why can't we (who work so hard) have our just share of the good things so plentiful for those (who do not work hard, but) who have the gold with which to buy them?"

There are very few countries in the world **where everything stops** for lunch. —Ritu Dalmia

Money unites even ideological enemies.
—Sunanda K Datta Ray

Yoghurt is the child of the marriage between milk and bacteria. —Vir Sangvi

In fact there are more **bacteria** in human body than there are cells. —Vir Sangvi

There are more people **over 65** than those under 5 now. (2016) —Economic Intelligence Unit Report. (65% of Indians are under 35. 70% live in villages)

Sleep is Death's twin brother.

The most puzzling phase of a strange **waking sleep** is that dreams that seem to cover months or years, may take place within a few seconds or minutes of a dream. —O' Henry

Western medicine is dominated by a single imperative– the quest for machine-like perfection in the delivery of care.
—Dr. Atul Gawande

Mathematics — a fallacy?
Given: x, y and z are distinct numbers
and, $x+y = z$
Or, $(x+y)^2 = z^2 = z(x+y)$
Or, $x^2 +2xy+ y^2= xz+yz$
Or, $x^2+xy+y^2 = xz+yz-xy$
Or, $x^2 +xy - xz = yz - y^2 - xy$
Or, $x (x+y- z) = y(z - y - x) = - y (x+y - z)$
Or, $x+y = 0 = z$

This is **absurd**. As if, everything emerges from 0 (zero) and also merges in 0 (zero). This is the staff of high **Philosophy**!

The fallacy is: we know that x+y-z=0; So knowingly we cannot divide by 0, i.e. (x+y-z).

Environmentalism is a full-stomach phenomenon.
—Economist Lester Thurow

There was no **environmentalism** before industrialization.
—Historian R C Guha

Ecology was a western fad.

The future of the **Divine Law** simply lives in the heart.
—Sri Aurobindo

Akbar was illiterate, but his attempt was more "intellectual and political" than "spiritual"; **Nanak**'s thoughts were, "universal in principle", but ended up as a "sect in practice".
—Manas Firaq Bhattacharya

No man attains more easily a great reputation for **piety**, than the superstitious and hypocrites.

Whatever **we can conceive** can exist. But the mind can be conceived as one of the afore-said.
—Rene' Descartes

Neo-**Platonic**: "All that is yonder is also Here." (Plotinus)
Kabbalistic: "Esoterically the man Below corresponds entirely to the man Above." (The Zohar)
Upanishadic: Whatever is Here, that is (also) There. Whatever is There, that again is Here. (Kathaponishad)

Nothing once known is **ever forgotten**. (Probably a great deal forgotten.) Psychology

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Any entity that changes with time, is called a **system**.

Give me the past and present **co-ordinates of any system**, I will tell you its future.
—Pierre Simon Laplace (1749-1827), French Mathematician

History is a-periodic.

Behaviour, which is unstable and a-periodic: eg, a) Crowd behavior, b) Water dripping from a tap, c) Flags waving in the breeze, d) Fluctuation of animal population, is Chaotic.

Now with **Chaos Theory**, scientists can escape from ignorance of their ignorance.

All **generalizations** are false.
—Ian Stewert (a scientist)

We are lucky to live in an age in which we are **still making discoveries**; we are still discovering the Fundamental Laws of Nature.
—Richard Feynman

A **magnitude** is a part of magnitude, the less of the greater, when it measures the greater.

The **greater** is a multiple of the less when it is measured by the less.

Science and philosophy are poles asunder in the nature of problems they address.
—Prof. N V Joshi

Indeed, the task of bringing the **subject and object** in actual organic relation to each other is achieved by feeling, which is an ontological principle, which only can invest an idea with reality.

Mozart could compose music wonderfully well at the age of five.

The crowd! Bazarov is the antithesis of the **cowardice of the crowd**. That is the secret why we love him.
—Edward Garrett (on Ivan Turgeniv's 'Fathers and Children')

Alas! The **fats are better able** to conduct their affairs in this world than the thin.
—Nikolai Gogol

...So, **false wisdom** pales at the first tiny glimmer/ Of true wisdom's never-fading light.../ Live, radiant day! Perish, darkness and night! —Alexander Pushkin

Man!...That's tremendous! It includes **all beginnings and all ends**...How proud the world rings— Man! A man should be respected. —Maxim Gorky (The Lower Depths)

I care not for the Sun and the stars/ I see **but man in torment**. —Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Creating future takes time; that is why leaders continue to manage the present while building towards the big non-linear changes of the future; breaking through **your own limitations** will take time. —N Govindarajan and H Faber

One can bestow **affection** on someone; but that alone may not make her happy.

'**Had I been born again**, I would have...!' Hold on,... what is this "I" business? Who is this "I"? Suppose, I am dead. Even then, and thereafter, millions and billions will keep on taking birth. Would any one of them be "I"? How do we know? Even if "I" am born again, "I" cannot be the same "I", because of difference in the gene and its conditioning over generations, of environmental violations, of vagaries of chances of association, and of course of "**chance**" itself! So, "I" will never be reborn"I" and the premise of being re-born loses sense.

The **Future**, in relation to the Eternal, shines with a possibility.
—Sri Aurobindo

Given that you **have got to die**, it obviously does matter exactly how, where or when. Therefore I had to accept that my appeal (against death sentence) had been dismissed.
—Camus

*There are fossil evidences to prove that the world's 1st mass extinction 540 million years ago was caused by **metazones,** - the earth's early animals – called **'eco system engines'**. (altered the environment radically to drive older species 'Ediacaran' to extinction)

I want to **defy death**, because I won't know , if the end-days would be painful (and long-drawn!) to me and to my well-wishers, expensive for no useful purpose and if after my death, I would be excused; of course I accept that I would be forgotten.

Light-houses don't go running all over an island looking for bats to save; they just **stand there shining**. —Anne Lammot

Happiness is what makes you fit; happy people are beautiful. —Deanne Pandey (Fitness Trainer)

Money unites even ideological enemies.
—Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

I don't want to **retire** until I am dead. —Octavio Paz

You will have time to **rest** when you are dead.
—Robert de Nero

One cannot come to the **end** of life without having lots of work left undone. —Habib Tanvir

Annexure

Abdul Kalam A P J (1931-2015) physics & aero-space engineering, 11th President of India.

Acemoglu Daron (b. 1967) English, Pol. Scientist.

Adams Henry (b. 1974) American Artist.

Adams Jeff (b. 1989) US footballer.

Adiga Arvind (b. 1947) Kannad, Indo-Australian writer.

Aiyar Mani Shankar (b. 1941) Diplomat, social worker, journalist, Politician.

Akbar The Great (1542-1605) The greatest and the most liberal Moghul Emperor.

Ali Muhammad (Cassus Marcelus Clay) (b. 1942) "The Greatest Boxer". "I am the Greatest."

Allen Woody (b. 1935) American actor, comedian, filmmaker, playwright, musician.

Ambedkar B R (1891-1956) Main architect of Indian Constitution, Dalit activist, later, critic of Government of the day and convert to Buddhism.

Andean Philosophy (Littic period ca. 15000 BCE?; Pre-ceramic period ca 3000 BCE?) In Peru region of South America. The Quechua Language of original Andeans is Yantin, mening the compliment of differences, the underlying idea is: harmonization of principles is the principal objective of creation.

Angelou Maya (1928-2014) American poet.

Arafat Yasser (1929-2004) Palestininian leader.

Aristophanes (446-386 ca.) Greek comedy writer.

Aristotle (384-322 BC) Greek philosopher and scientist

Aristotle (384-322 BC) Greek Philosopher & scientist of that genre.

Aryabhatta (476-500 AD) Mathematician & astronomy in classical age.

Asimov Isaac (1920-1992) Born in Russia, American science fiction writer of eminence.

Auden W H (1907-73) English Poet, Later American citizen, writing on political & social themes ***("The Age of Anxiety").***

Aung san suu ki (b. 1945) Mayanmarese revolutionary, now a minister to the President.

Aurelius Mercus (121-180 AD) Italian, Roman emperor-philosopher.

Austen Jane (1775-1817) Most widely read romantic fiction writer.

Ayyadurai V A (shiva) (b. 1963) Original Inventor of Internet.

Bajaj Rahul (b. 1938) Chairman, Bajaj Group ($7-billions), politician, philosopher.

Bakhtin Mikhail (1895-1975) Russian philosopher, literary critic, semiotician, scholar, literature theorist.

Bakunin Mikhail Alexandrovich (1814-76) Russian revolutionary, founder of collective anarchism.

Balamurali Krishnan (1930) Celebrated Carnatic vocalist, song writer.

Banerjee Abhijit Vinayak (b. 1961) Indian economist, prof. of MI, USA.

Bardot Brigitte Anne Marie (b. 1934) A much-admired glamorous beauty, actress, now vegetarian & animal lover. ***("photograph can be an instant of life, captured for eternity that will never be coming back to you".)***

Barne F P de La in 1993. "Flaubert's Parrot" in Davis Ellis.

Baru Sanjay, Burocrat, author, political commentator.

Basu Kunal (b. 1956) Indian English novelist (***The Japanese Wife, The Racist, The Miniaturist, The Opium Clerk***).

Baudelaire Charles (1821-67) French poet, essayist, art critic.

Beauvoir Simone de (1908-86) French writer, political activist, existential philosopher.

Beccaria Cesare (1738-94) Italian criminologist, politician, most talented jurist.

Becket Samuel (1906-89) Irish avant-garde novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, theater director.

Bellow Saul (1815-64) 20th Century American litterateur.

Bennet Alan (b. 1934) English playwright, author, screen writer.

Bergson Henri Louis (1859-1941) French metaphysicist.

Berkeley Bishop (1685-1763) Anglo-Irish Philosopher.

Bethe Hans (1906-2050) German-American nuclear physics-astro-physics-quantum electro-dynamics-solid state physics-Nobel laureate.

Beveridge Lord William Henry (1879-1963) British economist, sociologist.

Bhagat Chetan (b. 1974) I I M, Popular author full time.

Bhansalee Sanjay Leela (b. 1963) Film Director, producer, screen writer.

Bhattacharya Kumar Lord (Baron) (b. 1940) British industrialist.

Bhowmick Dr Mani lal (b. 1931) Indo-US physicist, author ***("The Code Name God").***

Bibber Martin (1900-74) German, World War Nazi General.

Billimoria Karen Lord (baron) (b. 1961) Indo-British business-man.

Billings Josh (1818-85) American humourist, (Henry William Show) writer, lecturer, next only to Mark.

Blair Tony (Antony Charles Litton) (b. 1953) British Labour Prime Minister.

Blake William (1757-1827) English poet, paimter, printmaker.

Bonaparte Napoleon (1769-1821) French military & political leader, took part at time of French Revolution.

Bonaparte Napoleon (1769-1822) French military & political leader, played his role during French Revolution, became emperor, had a sad and lonely end.

Bond Ruskin (b. 1934) Indian author of British descent, Specialty: Children's boobs.

Bonophool (Balai Chand Mukherjee) (1809-1970) Novelist, poet, dramatist, huge literary work.

Bose Suborno Dr. C A (b. 1963) COO IIHM & IAM.

Bouba Diop El Hadji D Papa (b. 1978) retired Senegalese footballer.

Bradbury Sam (b. 1967) American biographer, journalist, essayist, fiction writer, arts enthusiast.

Brandeis Justice Louis (1856-1941) British supreme court justice.

Breton Andre (1896-1966) French philosopher, artist, writer, surrealist.

Brin Sergy (b. 1973) co-founder, google.

Brodsky Aleksandrovich Joseph (1940-96) Russo-American poet, essayist.

Brown Warmer von (Werherm Mafuss Maxmillan Freehem) (1912-77) German-US ex-SS.

Browning Robert (1822-89) English foremost Victorian poet, novelist, playwright, master of dramatic monologue.

Buddha Gautam (563-483 BC) born in Nepal as Siddharth, after Enlightenment, Tathagata, Shakyamuni. Originator of Buddhism, a concept of non-violence and renunciation, widely influenced far and beyond.

Burke Edmund (1729-97) Irish Statesman, author, orator, political theorist, philosopher.

Byron Lord (6th Baron) George (1788-1824) Anglo-Scottish major poet in Romantic Era, leading figure.

Camus Albert (1913-60) French philosopher, writer, journalist.

Cartland Barbara (1901-2000) prolific English author of romance novels.

Castro Fidel (b. 1926) Cuban revolutionary PM.

Cela Camilo Jose (1916-2002) Spanish prolific writer, poet, lexicographer, philosopher.

Cervantes (Miguel de Savedia) (1547-1616) Spanish writer (*Don Quixote*).

Chanakya (371-283 BC) Teacher, economist, advisor to King Chandragupta-1.

Chapone Hestor (nee MULSO) (1727-1801) UK author (for women's conduct).

Chappel Martin & Greg (b. 1948) Australian cricketers & captain (father & son).

Charak (300 BC) Ancient art of medicine & lifestyle, author-*Charak-Samhita*.

Chatelet Emilie Du (1705-49) French mathematician, author, romantic friendship with philosophers.

Chaucer Geoffrey (1943-1400) English author, poet, bureaucrat, diplomat.

Chaudhury Soumyabrata PHD (1956) Pragmatics of death...

Chesterton Gilbert Keith (1874-1936) English Writer, poet, philosopher, dramatist, journalist, orator, theologist, critic.

Chibber Varun GM Oberoi.

Chomsky Noam (b. 1928) American linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, historian, logician, social critic, political activist.

Chopra Priyanka (b. 1981) Indian beauty, very popular & successful film actor, Miss World 2000, popular international TV artist.

Chowdhuri Amit (b. 1962) Indian English writer, novelist, musician.

Christenson Karen, American Beauty, skin consultant.

Churchill Winston (Sir Leonard Spenser) (1874-1966) English Statesman, political leader & PM during World War 2.

Cicero Mercus Tulius (106-43 BC) Roman Philosopher, politician, lawyer, orator, pol. theorist, consul, constitutionist.

Clark John Bales, US Attorney.

Clarke Arthur C, Sir (1917-2008) British science fiction writer, novelist, futurist.

Clarke Arthur C (1917-2008) Sir CBE, FRAS British science & fiction writer, futurist, inventor, undersea explorer, and television series host.

Clarke Isabel, Psychosis & spirituality.

Clason George Samuel (1874-1957) American Publishist.

Clausewitz Genl. Carl von (1780-1931) Prussian General, military theorist, *"Stressed on moral & political aspects of DEATH".*

Coelho Paulo (b. 1947) author, movies.

Collins John Carter (b. 1985) Dutch footballer.

Confucius (551-479 BC) Chinese Great teacher, politician, philosopher, made great influence on his countrymen even to this day, adjusting with Buddhism and also Communism.

Connelly Cyril (1903-74) English literary critic, writer.

Corbett Jim (James Edward) (1875-1955) British-Indian naturalist writer.

Cosby Bill Jr. (b. 1937) American comedian, author.

Creasy John, Main protagonist of 2004 thriller of 1980 novel series.

Crisp Quentin (1908-99) writer, illustrator, actor.

Croce Benedetto Poesia (1866-1952) Italian idealist, philosopher, writer.

Cromwell Oliver (1599-1658) English military & political leader, Lord Proctor of Common Wealth, Scotland, Ireland, Scotland.

Dadaji (Amiya Roy Chowdhury) Spiritual Guru, Published in 2014: ***"God is Here."***

Dalai Lama (14th) (b. 1935.) Top Buddhist Priest in Tibet, currently in India.

Dali Salvador (1904-89) Spanish surrealist painter.

Dalmia Ritu (b. 1973) Calcutta restaurenteur.

Dalrymple William (b. 1965) Scottish-Indian historian, novelist.

Daniels Geraldine (1933-2012) US politician, democrat.

Dara shikoh (1615-59) author, **"The Mingling of two Oceans"**, translator of The Vedas, interpreter of the Upanishads to the Arabians and through them ultimately to Europe, preacher of unity in diversity; had a tragic untimely end.

Datta Ray Sunanda K., Journalist, once editor, The Statesman.

Dawkins Richard (b. 1941) English ethologist, evolutionary biologist, author.

Dawkins Richard Clinton (b. 1941) English Ethologist, evolutionary biologist, author.

Deb Sandipan, Writer (The Last War, Fallen Angel), editor.

Derozio Vivian (Henry Louis) (1809-31) Indian born English, educator, teacher, progressive-minded Indi-lover, role in Bengal Renaissance.

Derrida Jacques (1930-2004) French philosopher, (born Algerian) formulated ***Semiotic analyses (deconstruction)***.

Desai Ashok V (b. 1936) senior advocate, author, critic.

Desai Dhavan GM and head of Wipro Group.

Desai Meghnad Lord (Baron) (b. 1940) UK born politician, once Chairman, House of Lords, Padmabhusan.

Desai Sneh Dr., Expert Motivator, Deals with "***Mind Power***".

Descartes Rene (1596-1650) Philosopher. ***"I think, what I am."***

Devarshi Narad, The great Vedic sage who inspired Valmiki.

Diener Ed (b. 1946) American psychology professor.

Dilbert's Principle: (Dilbert was a cartoonist.) "***Companies tend to systematically promote their least competent employees to management level, in order to limit the amount of damage they are capable of doing." (1996)***

Diller Phyllis (1917-2013) American stand-up comedian, actor, singer.

Disraeli Benjamin (1804-81) British politician, twice Prime Minister, writer.

Dodiya Atul (b. 1959) eminent painter (The Man from Kabul).

Donne John, Sir (1573-1631) English poet.

Doyle Sir Arthur Conan (1859-1930) Scottish writer, physician, most noted for detective stories.

Dozhansky Theodius (1900-75) American evolutionary biologist.

Dylan Bob (b. 1941) Song writer, folk rock singer.

Eckhart Meister (1260-1328) German theologian.

Eco Umberto (OMRI) (1932-2016) Italian novelist, literary critic, philosopher, semiotician, author.

Edison Alva Thomas (1847-1931) A great American inventor and patentor, successful businessman, developed many items of household utility products, like phonograms, electric lights of durable kind), motion picture camera, and many more to change the world, like no one before and no one after.

Edwards Tyron (1809-94) American theologian, compiler of **dictionary of 'thoughts'**.

Einstein Albert (1879-1955) German-American greatest scientist, developer of two pillars of modern physics; famous for his ***"thought experiments"*** and he was always a thinker and mathematician, never an experimenter; subsequently, experimental and observer scientists would prove that his thought-out and calculated premises had been correct.

Eisenhauer D Dwigt (1890-1969) American politician, general, 34th President.

Elliot T S (1888-1965) British poet, essayist, playwright.

Emerson Ralph Waldo (1803-82) American essayist, lecturer, professor, poet, transcendentalist, led a movement in mid-19th Century America.

Emerson R N Nursing careerist. Set up Emerson Hospital.

Faber H Dr Prof., ETH Univ Zurich.

Fantova Johanna, Princeton Univ. Librarian; working on Einstein.

Faraday Michael (1791-1867) English Scientist, Inventor of electro-magnetism & electro-chemistry.

Fayed Ahmed al (b. 1929) Egyptian business magnet.

Fenton John (b. 1953) US Writer.

Feynman Richard (1918-61) US scientist.

Fielding William J, Atheist Jew, author (Big Blue Book).

Fielding William J, During 1919-78 he published ***"Why I am an agnostic" and "Strange Superstitions and Magical Power"***.

Fields William Clauds (Dukenfield) (1889-1946) American comic actor, juggler.

Ford Henry (1863-1947) American industrialist, founder of Ford Cars, introduced assembly line manufacture.

Foucault Michel Paul (1926-84) French philosopher, historian, social theorist, philologist.

Franklin Benjamin (1706-90) US, one of the founding father of US, polymath, author, political theorist.

French Colette (Sidonie-Gabrielle) (1873-1954) French novelist, Nobel Laureate.

Freud Sigmund (1856-1939) neurologist, psycho-therapist.

Fromm Enrich (1900-80) German psychologist, sociologist, humanitarian philosopher, socialist.

Gadwall Malcolm (Timothy) (b. 1963) English-Canadian journalist.

Galbreth John Keneth (1908-2006) Canadian economist, diplomat, US liberalist.

Gandhi Indira (1917-84) politician, twice PM of India.

Garrett Edward Dr., Health service specialist.

Gawande Atul Dr. (b. 1965) author on medical subjects, American Surgeon.

Ghalib Mirza (1797-1869) Urdu Poet of great repute and is till date remembered in esteem.

Ghosh Reshmi, Calcutta born Indian Beauty Queen.

Gibran Cahlil (1883-1941) Lebanese-American scholar, artist, author, critic.

Gide Andre (Paul Guillaume) (1869-1951) French movie-maker.

Girotra Sandip, CEO India Pacific-Japan at Singapore.

Godwani Rakesh, Geater New York, Director of Technology, Product management.

Godwin William (1756-1835) British philosopher, idealist, liberal, writer.

Goenka Sanjib (b. 1961) Businessman of Calcutta (Rs. 32000-crores).

Goethe Johann Wolfgang (1739-1842) German philosopher, novelist, playwright, diplomat, civil servant, author, Indologist.

Gogol Nikolai (1809-52) Russian dramatist, playwright, novelist.

Goldsmith James (1933-97) British financier, politician.

Gopinath G R (b. 1951) entrepreneur, founder Air Deccan.

Gordon G Liddy (b. 1930) US Lawyer of repute.

Gorky Maxim (1868-1936) Russian Soviet writer.

Goswami Seema, Journalist.

Govindarajan N, CEO Arvind Pharma.

Gowda Deve H D (b. 1933) PM of India (1996-97).

Graham Martha (1894-1911) US choreographer.

Grass Gunter (Wilhelm) (1927-2015) German novelist, poet, playwright, graphic artist, sculptor, Nobel laureate.

Greene Graham (Henry) (1904-91) English novelist and spell-binding author of many books. ***"It is impossible to go through life without trust, that is to be imprisoned in the worst cell of ali,-oneself." "There is one moment in childhood, when the door opens and let the future in."***

Guard Sydney, US car dealer.

Guha Ram Chandra (b. 1958) historian, author.

Gupta Sandeep in USA, MD InnovAccer.

Gurion David Ben (1886-1973) Premior founder of ***Israel "In Israel, to be a realist, you must believe in miracles."***

Guru Nanak (1469-1539) founder of Shikhism.

Haldane J B S (1892-1964) British born Indian scientist, visionary biologist, geneticist, physiologist, evolutionary biologist, mathematician; he made innovative contribution on mathematics.

Haloi Ganesh (b. 1936) one of the most important contemporary artists of Bengal Schhol.

Hals FRANCIS (1582-1626) Dutch Golden Age portrait painter.

Hans Christian Anderson (1805-75) Danish author, fairy tale.

Hanson Knut (1859-1952) Norwegian writer.

Harrer Heinrich (1902-2006) Austrian mountaineer.

Hartley L P (Louis Poles) (1895-1972) C B E British novelist ***(The Eustace & Hilda Trilogy***), short story writer.

Hawkins Christine, US faculty of education.

Hawkins Stephen Prof. (b. 1942) English physicist, cosmologist, author.

Hegel G W F (1770-1831) German philosopher, idealist.

Hemingway Earnest (1929-61) American novelist, short story writer, journalist, economist. Nobel Lauriat, his under-stated ideas made great impact on world matters.

Hendrix Jimi (1942-70) American rock guitarist.

Henkel Herman (1839-73) German mathematician.

Heraclitus Of Ephesus, Pre-Socratic Greek philosopher.

Herman Karl Mueller (1854-1941) Ceramicist.

Hitchcock Alfred (1899-1980) English film director, "The Master of Suspense".

Hobbes Thomas (1588-1679) English philosopher, political philosophy.

Hobsbaum Eric, Science author.

Hoffer Eric (1898-1983) American social & moral philosopher.

Holiday Billie (Elionora Fugan) (1915-59) American singer, song writer.

Hugo Victor (1802-65) French novelist, poet, One of the greatest novelists of the world.

Hume David (1711-76) Scottish philosopher.

Huntington F W, Californian Association of investigation.

Huxley Aldous (Leonard) (1894-1963) English writer, novelist, philosopher.

Ibsen Henrik (1828-1906) Playwright, poet, director.

Iqbal Alla mohammod, Sir (1877-1938) academically a barrister, Urdu poetry of universal appeal, philosopher.

Jackson Andrew (1917-2007) Renowned American historian.

Jackson Michael (1958-2009) US phenomenally popular world wide entertaining pop singer, lyricist, composer of human appeal.

Jana Kathakali, Manager, ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Freelance journalist.

Jay Gould Stephen (1941-2002) American paleontologist, biologist, historian of science.

Jefferson Thomas (1748-1826) American founding father, Principal author of **Declaration of Independence**, 3rd President of USA.

Jihad Abu co-founder with Arafat, Fata; killed in 1988. (book: **Zionism**).

Jobs Steve (1955-2011) American info-tech entrepreneur, inventor, Chairman of Apple Group.

Johnson Samuel Dr (1709-84) Eminent English writer, professor.

Jones Sir William (1746-94) Anglo-Wells philologist, author.

Joshi Madan, writer, actor.

Joshi N V, Prof., I I S C.

Joshi Ruchir (b. 1980 Calcutta) Writer, Columnist, Literary & political critic.

Joyce James (1882-1941) Irish novelist, poet, modernist writer.

Joydeb (b. 1200 ca.) poet, singer, preacher, sadhak.

Kafka Franz (1883- 1924) German-language writer of novels and short stories, thinker and philosopher.

Kakkar Prahlad (1950) leading film director, publicity Guru.

Kant Emmanuel (1724-1804) German philosopher. **"Thoughts without contents and Institutions without concept are empty"**.

Kazan Alfred (1916-98) American writer, lit. critic, (Immigration topic).

Keats John (1795-1821) English romantic poet.

Kennedy John F (1917-63) American President assassinated. ***"Change is the law of life. Who look to past and present only, will miss the Future."***

Keshavan Mukul (b. 1957) political & economics writer.

Keynes John Maynard (1883-1946) English economist, who changed the practice to permanently influence the world Governments in respect of macro-economics.

Khan Shah Rukh (b.1965) Indian film actor, producer and television personality. Referred to in the media as the "Baadshah of Bollywood", "King of Bollywood".

Khayyam Omar (1048-1131) a Persian mathematician, astronomer, philosopher, and poet, widely considered to be one of the most influential thinkers of the Middle Ages.

Khurgin Ya I (b. 1955) Author on science subjects (***"Ya, No, Or May Be") ("Science for Everyone")***

Kieberd Declan (b.1951) Irish scholar, writer, major literary critic, author.

King Luther (Martin) (1929-68) American Baptist Minister, later Afro-American rights activist.

Kipling Rudyard (1865-1936) English journalist, short story writer, novelist. "A ***woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty."***

Kissinger Henry (b.1923) American diplomat, political science ***("The task of the leader is to get the people to where they had not been.")***

Kosambi D D (1907-66) Historian espl. Buddhism.

Kothari Ashish (b. 1961) Indian environmentalist, Green Peace.

Krishnamurti Jiddu (1895-1986) philosopher, writer, world-teacher.

Krishnamurty U G (1918-2007) Indian, ***"enlightened person"***, philosopher.

Kuhn Thoas (1922-96) American physicist, 20th century philosopher, ***(paradigm shift, incommensurability, normal science).***

Kundera Milan (b. 1929) Czech great novelist.

Kurzwel Ray (b. 1948) American author, computer-scientist, futurist.

Kutty M P K, Empowering girl child, activist, theologian.

Laksmi Padma (b. 1970) US based Tamil model, English writer.

Lammont Anne (b. 1954) novelist.

Lao Tzu (6th-5th Century BC) ancient Chinese Philosopher. Exponent of Taoism.

Laplace Pierre Simon (1749-1827) French mathematician, scientist.

Larkin Philip (1922-85) English poet.

Lawrence D H (1895-1930) English novelist, poet.

Lawrence H D (1885-1930) English novelist, poet, playwright, essayist, lit. critic, painter.

Lawrence M Krauss, German physicist, philosopher.

Leibnitz Gottfritt Wilhelm (1646-1716) German mathematician (calculus).

Lem Stanislav (1925-2006) Polish writer of science fiction, philosophy & satire.

Lenin V I (1870-1924) Russian communist revolutionary.

Lewis Jery (Joseph Levis) (b. 1926) American actor, comedian, film producer.

Lincoln Abraham (1809-65) American President, 16th.

Livingstone Dr. (David) (1813-73) Scottish Congregationalist Pioneer medical Missionary to explore Africa with attendant danger to his safety and life, which he sacrificed there. ***(Dr. Livingstone, I presume?)*** 19th Century hero in Victorian Britain.

Locke John (1632-1704) English meta-physicist, Economist.

London Jack (John Griffith) (1876-1916) American novelist, journalist, activist, fiction writer.

Lopez Rachael L (b. 1986) M D, Memorial Care Health System ***("I chose obstetrics and gynecology for diversity in my field. I can follow a woman from adolescence through childhood).***

Lord Krishna (4000 BC ca.) God-incarnate for Hindus.

Lugan Pablo, Colombian novelist.

Luther Martin (1483-1546) German professor of philosophy.

Luxembourg Rosa (1871-1919) Polish-Jewish, Marxist theorist, philosopher, economist.

Macaulay Lord (Thomas Babbington (1st Baron) (1800-59) British historian, politician, essayist, reviewer, author. His history books are considered masterpieces.

Machiavelli Niccole (1469-1827) Italian, Renaissance historian, politician, diplomat, philosopher.

Mackay Harvey, Australia's leading Retailer.

Maclean Alistair (1922-87) Scottish novelist.

Mahalingam Pallachi N, Newsperson.

Mahathir (b. 1925) Prime Minister, Malaysia.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) freedom fighter, moralist, politician.

Maitland F W (Frederic William) (1850-1906) English historian, lawyer, considered Modern Father of English legal history.

Malraux Andre (1901-76) French novelist, art theorist, politician, minister.

Malthus Thomas Robert (1766-1834) English cleric, scholar, political economy, demography.

Malthus Thomas Robert (1766-1834) English cleric, economist-influenced by Adam Smith; self influenced Darwin & Keynes.

Mandela Nelson (1918-2013) S. Africa's anti-apartheid revolutionary, served as President of S. Africa.

Mander Harsh (b. 1955) Social worker, Writer on ***"Survivors of Mass-violence & Hunger"***.

Mao Zedong (1893-1976) Chairman, Chinese Communist Revolutionary, Founding Father of People's Republic of China.

Marquez Gabriel Marcia (1927-2014) Colombian journalist, novelist, short story writer.

Marshall Alfred (1842-1924) neo-classical economist.

Marti J Jose (1853-95) Cuban National Hero.

Marx Karl (1818-83) philosopher, economist, sociologist, journalist, revolutionary, activist.

May Lord Peter (Peter Death Brendon Wimser) English artist, criminologist, amateur detective.

Mazda Ahura (Diety of wisdom for Zoroastrians, Parshis, Iranians.

Meng Tse (372-299 BC) ancient Chinese Philosopher, School: Confucianism, which has its sway even in modern-day China, along with Buddhism, which two are inter-mingled with each other, philosophically.

Menon Ritu (b. 1949) Indian feminist, author.

Menzes Armando, currently US Plant manager, Menzis Roller Co.

Michael M S Dutt (1824-73) Most tragic— path-breaking Bengali poet of great achievements.

Mill John Stuart (1806-73) English liberal economist.

Miller Henry (1891-1980) 20th Century American writer.

Mises Ludwig von (1881-1973) Austria-Hungary, prof. in Univ. of Geneva.

Mishra Pankaj (b. 1969) important Indian English author, with a distinct style of his own.

Mohammed Dr Mahathir, Malayasian politician, Prime minister, since retired.

Monroe Marilyn (1926-62) US most glamorous actor, model, intelligent, though a shade too credulous and pliant and strangely always cast in the role of dumb blondes,— a tragic life wasted.

Morata Akio (1921-99) Japanese businessman, co-founder SONY.

Morrison Philip (1915-2005) Physicist, involved in Manhattan Project.

Mother Teresa (Anjeze Gomxhe Bojoxhiu) (1910-97) Albanian (Kosovo) nun, saint (2016), Missionary of Charities, Cacutta.

Mountbatten Edwina (1901-60) (Countess of Burma) English heiress, last Vicereine of India.

Mozart Wolfgang (1756-91) Salzburg Austria, great composer & musician.

Mukherjee Anusuya, Reporter.

Mukherjee Neel (b. 1970) author, Man Booker Prize.

Mukherjee Sabyasachi (b. 1974) Costume designer & stylist.

Murakami Haruki Japanese-American prf. Univ. of Minnesota, author ***("The Private World of Murakami Haruki").***

Nagi Rouble, Indian complete art solution.

Naipaul V S, Indo-Trinidadian author, critic, Nobel-laureate.

Nair Kartika (b. 1992) actor, model.

Narayan R K (1906-2001) Indian writer in English, his plots based in south India, Padma Bibhusan, great wit.

Narayanmurthy N R (b. 1946) co-founder, Infosys.

Nash John (Forbes) (1928-2015) American mathematician, made fundamental contribution to game theory differential geometry and advanced study of partial differential equations. Author of many books. ***He had a BEAUTIFUL MIND.***

Nero Robert Anthony D. (b. 1943) actor, producer.

Niebuhr Rinhold (1892-1971) American theologist, ethicist, political commentator.

Nietzsche Friedrich (1844-1900) German philosopher, cultural critic, poet, philologist.

Nilekani Nandan (b. 1955) Indian entrepreneur, bureaucrat and politician, co-founder Infosys.

Nooyee Indra (Krishnamurthy) (b. 1955) Chairperson, CEO of Pepsi Group.

O' Henry (William SIdny Porter) (1862-1910) American short story writer.

Onassis Aristotle (1906-75) Greek shipping magnet, rich businessman.

Orwell George (1903-50) English novelist, critic, author, journalist.

Pai Mohandas T V, Chairman, Manipur Global Education.

Pandey Deanne (b. 1968) Bestselling Indian author.

Pandit Vijay Lakshmi (1900-90) Indian Diplomat, politician, chairperson UN Genl. Assy.

Parkes Tim (Paperless technology).

Pascal Blaise (1623-52) French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer.

Pasternak Boris (1890-1960) Russian Author, Nobel laureate.

Pasteur Louis (1822-?) Born in a peasant family in france, renowned chemist & micro-biologist.

Pauli Wolfgang (1900-58) Austria-German-American-Swiss physicist, Nobel, Master in synthesizing several latest branches of physics.

Paz Octavio (1914-98) Mexican poet and diplomat.

Phish American Musical Band (1983).

Picasso Pablo (1881-1973) Spanish, later in France, painter, sculptor, print-maker, ceramicist, stage decorator.

Pickety Thomas (b. 1971) French economist, main subject: equality of wealth & income.

Pinto Jerry (b. 1966) Indian journalist, author of children's books.

Planck Max (1858-1947) German physicist, originator of Quantum Theory, Nobel Laureate.

Plato (428-348 BC ca.) ancient great Greek philosopher.

Poe Edgar Allan (1809-40) American Poet, romantic (***Tamaur Lane, Annabel Lee).***

Popper Carl (1902-94) Austrian-English philosopher, professor.

Presley Elvis (1935-77) American rock music, actor, most significant culture icon.

Proust Marcel (1871-1922) French novelist (In Search of Lost Time...)

Pushkin Alexander (1799-1837) Russian poet, playwright.

Radhakrishnan Sarvepalli Dr. Prof., Philosopher, statesman, diplomat, President of India, renowned author.

Raghu Rai (b.1942) celebrated photographer

Rahman Zia Haider, Novelist in English, now based in Bangla Desh.

Rajan Raghuraman (b. 1963) 23rd Governor of RBI.

Rajnish Bhagwan Shri (OSHO) (Chndr Mohan Jain) (1931-90) Prof. of Philosophy, mystic, spiritual Guru, author, (Divine Meditation).

Ramanujan A K (1929-93) Poet of Karnataka, scholar, playwright, philologist.

Rana Priya Kumari, business articles.

Rao Narasimha P V (1821-2004) Politician, PM of India, author.

Ricardo David (1772-1823) sociologist, economist.

Robinson James A., Professor (b. 1960) English economist.

Rockfeller John D (1839-1937) American Oil Tycoon, richest man in modern history, philanthropist.

Roebeck Peter (1956-2011) English cricketer, Australian columnist.

Romain Rolland (1866-1944) French dramatist, novelist, essayist, art history, mystic.

Rose Genl. Hugh (1801-85) (1st Baron) A senior Brtish Army Officer.

Rosenhan The Rosenham Experiment: important & influential critic of psychiatrist diagnosis. ***(pseudo-psychiatry).***

Rousseau Jean Jacques (1712-78) French, Francophone Ger-

man philosopher, writer, political philosopher, author to influence the course of 18th Century.

Roy Asish, Reporter, The Times of India.

Roy M N (Narendranath Bhattacharya) (1887-1954) International revolutionary, founder of ***Radical Humanist Movement***.

Rumi (Jalal ad Din Muhammad) (1207-73) Turkey, Persian poet, Islamic scholar.

Rushdie Salman (b. 1947) Indo-British writer, now in USA.

Ruskin John (1819-1900) English art, social, economics critic & author.

Russel Bertrand (1872-1970) English philosopher, mathematician.

Rutledge Horace Jr. (1766-1810) US politician.

Sade Marquis De (1740-1814) French aristocrat, politician, philosopher.

Said Edward (1935-2003) Born in Jerusalem, Professor of literature, Columbia Univ (***Post-colonial studies***).

Sakuntala Devi (1929-2013) Human computer, social worker, author.

Sam Pitroda (b. 1942) US based, now Indian, formulated C DOT, local health traditions, author (***Dream India*** etc,)

Sangvi Vir (b. 1956) Indian Print Journalist, food critic, author.

Santayana George (1863-1952) English philosopher, essayist, novelist.

Santayana George Dr (1863-1952) Spanish skeptic.

Sareen Poonam, Founder, editor SPEED.

Sarkar Aveek, Charismatic editor of The Ananda Bazar Patrika Group.

Sartre J P (1905-80) French philosopher, novelist, writer, political activist, playwright, biographer, literary critic.

Sasthibrata (Chakraborty) (1939-2015) Author, social satirist, UK based.

Schiller F C S (1864-1937) German-British philosopher, author.

Schopenhauer Arthur (1788-1860) Kantian philosopher.

Schwab Charles M (1862-1939) American steel Magnet.

Scopenhauer Arthur (1788-1860) German Philosopher. **"World as Will."**

Scott Fitzgerald F S (1686-1940) American novelist, short story writer. (***"Show me a hero and I will work with you a tragedy."***)

Seabrook Jeremy (b. 1939) English author, journalist, social & environmental activist.

Sellers Peter (1925-80) great entertaining movie actor.

Sen Amartya (b. 1933) Economist, human development theory, Nobel laureate.

Sen Vinayak Dr. LLB (b. 1952) Human rights activist. Physician, writer, poet.

Shakespeare William (1564-1616) English poet, playwright, actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist; his plays remaining ever popular even now.

Shankar (Mani Shankar Mukherjee) (b. 1933) Most popular Bengali Novelist.

Shanon Samantha (b. 1991) British writer of dytopian and para-normal fictions.

Sharma Bulbul, author, artist (***The Aubergines***).

Shaw George Bernard (1856-1950) Irish brilliant playwright, critic, polemist, greatly influencing the course of Western thoughts on literature, morality, politics and other spheres too.

Shelley Percy Bysshe (1792-1822) Major English romantic poet, a critic of then-existing poverty and opulence side by side in England.

Shri Shankaracharya Adi (788-820 AD) philosopher, theologian, doctrine of Adwaita.

Sing Simon (b. 1964) English-base journalist, author.

Singh Bhagat (Shaheed) (1907-31) Indian revolutionary, socialist, met a tragic martyred end of life.

Singh Khushwant (1915-2014) Indian journalist, humorist, author of many books on various subjects, a charismatic person.

Singh N K (b. 1931) politician, economist, IAS, MP, journalist.

Singh S Nihal, journalist.

Smith Adam (1723-90) Scottish, moral philosophy, pioneer of political economics.

Solzhenstyn Alexander (1918-2008) Russian Novelist ***"Gulag Archipelago"***.

Sood Navin, UK based entrepreneur, designer, educator.

Sophocles (d. 406 BC) One of the three great tragedians of Greece, earlier than Euripedes, later than Aschylus.

Sorcar Maneka, Magician.

Sorcar P C (b. 1941) magician.

Spencer Herbert (1820-1903) English social Darwinist.

Spender Stephen, Sir, Harold (1909-85) English poet, novelist, in defense of social justice.

Spengler Oswald (1880-1836) German Philosopher.

Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950) Indian nationalist, philosopher, poet, yogi, visionary, seer.

Sri Ramakrishna (1836-86) Most liberal spiritualist, a seer. ***"He is born in vain, who, having attained human birth, so difficult to get, does not attempt to realize God in this very life."***

Stevenson Robert Louis (1850-94) Scottish novelist, poet, essayist, travel writer ***(Kidnapped)***.

Stewart Ian (b. 1945) English political scientist, science-fiction writer.

Subramanyam Arvind (b. 1959) Economist, RBI governor.

Sufi Abil L-Khays (Omar Kayyam) (1048-1131) Persian mathematician, poet, philosopher.

Sun tzu (died ca. 496 BC) Chinese general, military strategist, philosopher, author ***(The Art of War) (The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.) (So, advised Chanakya too.).***

Sunyat Sen (1866-1925) Chinese Premier- Quomintang.

Sushrut (600 BC) ancient physician, author: Susrut-Samhita.

Swami Sivananda Saraswati (1887-1863) Spiritual Teacher, Vedantist.

Swami Vivekananda (Narendra Nath Datta) (1863-1902) Vedantist, Adwaitist, seer, founder of world-wide organization of RamaKrishna Mission.

Swaminathan MS (b. 1925) Indian geneticist, international administrator, leading role in Indian Green Revolution.

Tagore Rabindranath (1861-1941) great poet, novelist, short story writer, dramatist, philosopher, visionary, lyricist.

Talbot Cynthia (b. 1952) US author, humanist.

Tanvi Shah (b. 1985) 1st Indian woman to get Grammy for singing, sings in more than 6 languages. Sang FANAA.

Tanvir Habib (1923-2009) Indian theatre, historian, urdu writer.

Tharoor Shashi (b. 1956) Indian diplomat, MP, Minister, author, social and political commentator.

Thatcher Margaret (1925-2013) Iron Lady, PM of UK.

The Mother (Mirra Alfasse) (of Egyptian mother & Turkish fa-

ther) (1878-1973) Driving force behind Auroville at Pondichery, co-Yogin of shri Aurobindo, writer.

Theophrastus (ca. 371-287 BC) ancient Greek philosopher.

Theroux Paul (b. 1966) South African, manager, CNBC.

Thiruvallavur (ca. between 3rd & 1st Century BC) celebrated Tamil poet & authority on ethical literature. ***133 ft. statue at Vivekananda Rock.***

Thompson Hunter S (1937-2005) American journalist, author.

Thomson Robert Jones Dell'Oro (b. 1961) Austrian journalist, editor of Wall Street Journal & The Times, Social worker, on false charge of murder, later released.

Thoreau Henry David (1817-62) American philosopher, naturalist.

Thorne Kip (b. 1940) American theoretical physicist, gravitational physics.

Thurow lester Carb (1938-2016) American political economist.

Thyagarajan R, Industrialist, Chairman Chennai-based ShriRam Group, Padmabhusan.

Tian Jiasang, A rapid 7 efficient ways to dynamic creation of cross-reaction.

Toffler Alvin (1928-2016) American writer, futurist, main topics: modern technology, digital and communication revolution.

Tolstoy Leo (1828-1910) world famous Russian novelist, writer, thinker, philosopher, moralist, great influence on subsequent generation of thinkers and novelists as well.

Toynbee Polly (b. 1946) British journalist, writer.

Trump Donald (b. 1933) Businessman, TV personality, author, Repub. Candidate, presidential election, 2017.

Tully Mark Sir, William (b.1935) English Indian writer, reporter, journalist.

Tunzelmann Alex von, British historian, author of ***"Indian Summer"*** & ***"Blood and Sand"***.

Twain Mark (Samuel Langhorne) (1835-1910) American writer, entrepreneur, publisher.

Tyson Freeman Jr. (1934-2012) Actor, civil rights warrior.

Valentine St. (Italian San Valentino) (176-273 AD ca.) 3rd Century Roman Saint.

Venkatachaliha L N (b. 1929) 25th Chief Justice of India.

Vidal Gore (1935-2912) American intellectual, writer, patrician manners, epigrammatic wit (***Caligula, Benhur)***

Vogel Dr Charles L, US plastic surgeon.

Voltaire F M A (1694-1778) French philosopher, historian.

Wadhwa Vivek, India-born American Silicon Valley Success story.

Wangchuk P P, Indian journalist.

Watson Peter (b. 1943) UK intellectual historian, Author.

Web Thorston (b.1996) Danish Photographer.

Weinberg Richard D Prof., German-US psychologist, Univ. of Minnesota.

Weinberg Seven (b. 1933) American theoretical physicist, Nobel Laureate.

Weiner Jennifer (b. 1970) Author (***"God in Bed"***).

Wells H G (1866-1946) English writer in many genres, novels, fiction, science fiction, philosophy, sociology, varying opinions on communism.

Weyman Erwin, ***"We love nothing less than Perfect".***

Wheeler John (1911-2008) American theoretical physicist.

Wiesel Elie (1928-2016) Roman-American jurist, writer.

Wigner Eugeno (1942-95) Hungerian theoretical physicist, Nobel in 1983.

Wilde Oscar (1854-1900) Irish playwright, novelist, poet, essayist.

Wimmer Eckard (b.1936) German-American Virologist, organic chemist, molecular geneticist, micro-biologist.

Winston Lord (b. 1937) US Diplomat.

Wittgenstein Ludwig Joseph (1889-1951) Austro-British philosopher, philosopher of math. & mind.

Woolf Virginia (1882-1941) poet. ***"Life is a dream. 'tis waking that kills us. He who robs of our dreams robs us of our life."***

Wright Robert (b. 1957) American journalist, prize-winning author of best-selling books on science, evolutionary psychology, game.

Xi jinping (b. 1953) Chinese politician, Gen. Secy. of CPC.

Yo George, Lyric writer, singer.

Zafar Bahadur Shah 2 (1775-1862) Last Moghul Emperor.

Zarathustra published 1972.

Zen Japanese School of Mahayana Buddhism, valuing meditation and intuition, rather than worshipping.

Zorastrian Vendidad (ca. 1877?) Consists of *22 Fargards* as discussion between Ahura Mazda and Zoroaster.

Zuckerberg Mark (b. 1984) American programmer, Internet entrepreneur, founder of Facebook, philanthropist.

Zukov Gary (b. 1942) American spiritual leader, writer of 4 consecutive bestselling novels.

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